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'Senate will kill Saipan casino bill'

>> Senators off to China today for Tinian casino investor

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

REPORTER

enate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and other senators said yesterday that the Senate will kill any new Saipan casino legislation bill, adding that their position on the matter is contrary to what was reported in the other paper that says senators no longer oppose such a measure.

"When we're in such a critical budget crisis, everything is on the table. But I want to make it clear that the Senate, if we have a vote today, will kill any casino legislation," Manglona told Saipan Tribune.

He added, "Everything's on the table and that's what I think Sen. [Juan] Ayuyu meant—that everything's on the table but if you put it on a vote, it's going to get killed

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Gas prices up by another 10 cents at the start of business day, By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Shell Marianas and Mobil Oil Mariana Islands increased their pump prices by 10 cents a gallon yesterday, barely two weeks after the two oil giants raised their prices also by 10 cents a gallon on Saipan.

Shell changed its prices

while Mobil followed at 3pm.

Saipan motorist are now paying at least 43 to 48 cents more for every gallon they pump into their vehicles as a result of the five price increases since the start of 2011.

Yesterday's price change marked the 11th since 2010.

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DUE TO LOW OCCUPANCY

CNMI hotels cut work hours, operations

>> NMI-Japan Disaster Relief raises \$40K; global donations at \$130B

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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Hotels have cut work hours and certain operations have been temporarily suspended as a result of group travel cancellations in

the wake of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

"But Japan will recover soon, no doubt," Nick Nishikawa, chairman of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, told Saipan Chamber of

Commerce members and guests at its monthly meeting yesterday.

Nishikawa, who is the general manager of Hyatt Regency Saipan and president of the Japan Association in the CNMI, spoke

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From left, Joeten Motors' Claudia T. Adriano, Emi Okazaki and her 16-year-old son Shigeki O. Tenorio after the Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting at Pacific Islands Club yesterday. Shigeki and Tenorio, who survived the March 11 quake and tsunami in Japan, are on Saipan for weeks.

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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Emi Okazaki, 44, was spending her day off from work at her house with her 80-yearold mother in Ishinomaki in Japan's Miyagi Prefecture when the ground started shaking violently in the afternoon of March 11.

"We couldn't stand up and a lot of things were falling down," Okazaki told Saipan Tribune in an interview yesterday, after the Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio.

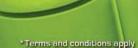
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Local

CNMI celebrates National Library Week

REPORTER

The important role of libraries and librarians in the community takes the spotlight next week when the CNMI celebrates National Library Week 2011.

CNMI Library Council members, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library staff, volunteers, and partners witnessed Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos sign the proclamation designating April 10 to 16 as National Library Week yesterday morning at the governor's conference room.

"Our nation's school, academic, and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans today, more than ever," Inos said in his proclamation.

Inos also underlined libraries' role in promoting literacy and continuing education and encouraging lifelong learning.

Librarians, he said, are trained professionals who help people find and interpret the informa- your library," added Inos. tion they need to live, learn, and work in a challenging economy.

"I encourage all residents to visit their library this week to take advantage of the expansive, meaningful, and valuable library resources available at

The crowd paused for a moment of silence to honor Manuel "Tan Ne' Kiyu" Seman Villagomez, the state library's visionary and benefactor who passed away on April 1 and will be interred Friday.

joins the staff, volunteers and valued partners of JKPL in extending our heartfelt gratitude to the patriarch's family for Kiyu's lasting contributions to lifetime opportunities of lifelong learning and imagination at our public library," said Library Council chair Joe Limes.

Limes noted that Villagomez's death coincides with the library's 20th founding anniversary.

This year's theme, "Create your own story @ your library," encourages the community to "nurture and harness the power of imagination and exploration" to create their own story.

"Each one has a beautiful story to create and make at your public library. We urge and challenge everyone to do so," said Limes.

Library patrons

Executive director John Oliver DLR Gonzales said the library's clientele number between 10,000 to 12,000 despite implementation of austerity measures.

"We thought it will be reduced but it has remained steady. It goes to show that we're still relevant, more so now than before," he said.

Gonzales said they have lined up activities at both JKPL and Tinian Municipal Library to mark the occasion.

He disclosed that library staff will fly to Rota next month to install Internet lines and prepare the site to enable them to open the much-awaited Rota Municipal Library next to the college campus.

Inos, who noted that the Rota Mayor's Office is occupying the proposed library site, said, "We'll make sure that the library gets that facility because that's what it was built for."



By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

After Matson Navigation Co. announced its fuel surcharge hike, Horizon Lines followed suit and will increase the rates effective May 1.

In its service bulletin Monday, Horizon Lines said that it will raise its fuel adjustment factor for services to Guam and the CNMI by 8.5 percentage points or from 36.5 to 45 percent.

Horizon Lines announced an increase in fuel surcharge for service between Hawaii and the U.S. as well as between Micronesia and the U.S. also by 8.5 percentage points or from 36.5 to 45 percent.

"Horizon Lines will continue to closely monitor fuel costs and will adjust the Fuel Surcharge as trends warrant," the service bulletin stated.

The latest fuel surcharge increase is already the third for Horizon Lines this year as it mirrors hikes by its rival company Matson.

Horizon Lines increased its fuel surcharge four days later after Matson made its announcement on Jan. 29, hiking its fuel adjustment factor for its Micronesia services from 23.25 to 28 percent.

On March 27, Matson announced an 8.5 fuel surcharge hike, increasing its rate from 28 to 36.5 percent effective March 27. Horizon Lines matched that days later.



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Joeten-Kiyu Public Library staff, volunteers and partners witness Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos' signing of the proclamation designating April I0-16 as National Library Week 2011 yesterday morning at the governor's conference room.



Tropical Depression 02W moves away from Marianas

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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Tropical Depression 02W quickly moved away from the Marianas yesterday and is expected to dissipate today, Thursday morning.

As of 8:30am yesterday, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial canceled the Tropical Storm Condition II he issued on Wednesday for the islands of Agrihan, Pagan, and Alamagan, as tropical storm force winds were no longer expected.

Press secretary Angel De-

Hiring for critical positions will continue; payroll today only for critical employees

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that the governor's fiscal year 2012 budget of \$102 million allows for hiring – but only for critical service positions, including tax auditors.

The governor's 2012 budget removes 332 vacant full-time employee positions in the 2011 budget.

Inos said there are still FTE positions that need to be filled, owing to the critical services they provide. No estimate or exact number was available yesterday.

"For example, we're all clamoring for additional revenue collection so we need revenue agents, we need auditors. So those vacancies will have to be maintained; in fact we probably need more," he told reporters after signing a proclamation declaring Library Week.

He said the administration didn't provide the Legislature a draft budget bill, but pointed out some major issues that the ad-

ministration wants addressed, especially the austerity measures.

For example, the 16-hour cut in the fiscal year 2011 budget law expires by the end of September so the Legislature has to include the work hour cut provision as it prepares the 2012 budget bill.

At the same time, Inos said there will be payroll today—but only for critical government employees such as doctors, nurses, police officers, corrections officers, and firefighters, as well as federally funded employees and those at the Public School System.

All other employees may receive their paychecks on Monday or Tuesday, Inos said.

The government needs at least \$4 million to meet its biweekly payroll.

This is at least the 12th time since June 2010 that non-critical service employees have experienced delayed payrolls.

Most of those affected by delayed payrolls are also subject to a 16-hour cut per payroll and unpaid holidays in 2011. mapan said they have not received any reports about damage to property or injuries to the individuals residing in the Northern Islands.

"Fortunately, the tropical depression did not intensify in strength and veered away from the islands this morning," Demapan said.

Tropical Depression 02W is moving east-northeast at 21 miles per hour with maximum sustained winds at 30mph, according to the National Weather Service in Guam.

At 1pm, the center of Tropical Depression 02W was located near latitude 17.9 degrees north and longitude 147.7 degrees east. This is about 120 miles east of Alamagan, 125 miles east of Pagan, 145 miles east-southeast of Agrihan, 230 miles northeast of Saipan, and 365 miles northnortheast of Guam.

The nearest approach to the Northern Islands was at 7am yesterday when the center of Tropical Depression 02W was 35 miles south of Alamagan, 60 miles south of Pagan, 110 miles south of Agrihan, 145 miles north of Saipan, and 270 miles north-northeast of Guam.

NWS has warned people in the Marianas region to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along west facing reefs Wednesday night and north reefs Thursday through Friday as rip currents will be life-threatening.

Northern Islanders safe from storm

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com

Northern Islands residents were safe from the tropical depression, the first to hit this year, that developed west of the Marianas.

Jerome Kaipat Aldan, program manager at the Northern Islands Mayor's Office, confirmed that residents were okay since they had been forewarned about the tropical depression.

"Nothing is damaged. Everything looks fine and dandy," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Aldan, NIMO communicated with the resi-

dents by radio Tuesday to urge them to ready themselves and go to safe houses and bunkers.

Aldan said that there are currently three families and two NIMO staff on Alamagan and one family and three NIMO staff on Pagan.

He also said there were four residents on Agrihan who came back to Saipan during the last boat trip on Feb. 26.

According to Aldan, the residents said they felt gusty winds that were not strong enough to break down their tin houses and the Mayor's office on Pagan.

Aldan said they also let the residents' families on Saipan

communicate with them via radio to check on their condition.

The program manager said that although the residents are still well supplied, NIMO is already preparing for their next trip.

"We're just waiting for the weather to clear up a little and give us a chance to go back up and resupply the islands," said Aldan, adding that Mayor Tobias Aldan is planning to join the staff on their next trip.

Because of the anticipated threat of Tropical Depression 2W, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial declared Tropical Storm Condition II for the islands of Agrihan, Pagan, and Alamagan Tuesday afternoon.





Richard Branson plans deep-ocean submarine dives

By NOAKI SCHWARTZ

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(AP)—Billionaire adventurer Richard Branson on Tuesday unveiled a new single-person submarine that he said will be used to set new world records by exploring the five deepest parts of the world's oceans.

Branson said that over the next two years, the solo craft will go to the bottom of the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic's Puerto Rico

"Good thing my house was on the

Her son, Shigeki O. Tenorio, 16, was

in school at the time. The school was

about an hour train-ride away from

Worried about her son, Okazaki

drove to her son's school, a trip that

took her eight hours because of the

road traffic. Coming back took only

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hill. We were safe," she said.

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she said.

Trench and South Sandwich Trench, the Diamantina Trench in the Indian Ocean and the Molloy Deep in the Arctic Ocean.

Branson's fellow explorer, Chris Welsh, plans to make the first descent later this year to the Mariana Trench, which at 36,000 feet (10,972 meters) is deeper than Mount Everest is high. Branson then plans to explore the 28,000-foot (8,534-meter)-deep Puerto Rico Trench.

While the pilots for the other three trips have not been chosen, Branson

"When we went home, we couldn't

go inside our house because there were

people already sleeping inside; their

said they hope to set as many as 30 Guinness World Records with the

"The last great challenge for humans is to explore the depths of our planet's oceans," the Virgin Atlantic founder said at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club.

A news release said there was only one frontier left for Branson's Virgin brand, which has reached "the seven continents of the earth, up into the jet stream and soon, even into space."

"If someone says something is im-

To date, some 12,000 have died from the 9.0-magnitude quake and tsunami, while some 16,000 more are still miss-

In the CNMI, hundreds of residents sought higher ground when a tsunami

two hours

houses were gone," Okazaki said. She and her family stayed in the car instead, and so did many others in the hilly area.

"It was very cold," she added.

Okazaki and her son have since traveled to Saipan, and will stay here at least until the opening of school around

'We came here because people here were calling us, concerned, asking us

so we came here," she said.

The family of her son's father. Clarence Tenorio, brought them to the Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting yesterday. They were Frances T. Demapan, president of Joeten Motors, and Claudia T. Adriano, Joeten Motors finance manager.

alert was hoisted on March 11.

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their house.

And since February 2009, Saipan motorists have seen an increase of at least \$1.90 to \$1.95 a gallon in gasoline prices.

Regular gasoline at Shell and Mobil service stations is now \$4.559 a gallon, up by 10 cents from only \$4.459 a gallon.

Shell's V-Power and Mobil's premium gasoline now costs \$4.879 a gallon, up from only \$4.779 a gallon.

Diesel is now \$4.869 a gallon, from \$4.769 a gallon.

Ton Reyes Jr., 19, said he spends \$40 to \$50 in gas for his V6 pickup truck daily, and worries that the already high gas prices will continue to go up.

"It's not fair that the gas prices continues to go up and the economy is not doing good," Reyes told Saipan Tribune while he was filling his truck at a Shell service station in Susupe.

Reyes, a Dandan resident, said his household may have to cut on other expenses such as shopping.

"But we will manage," he said. "But there will be no more ice creams on Sundays."

National news sources said the unrest in the Middle East and northern Africa have been driving up oil prices, with crude oil hovering around \$105 a barrel.

Edwardo Esguerra, 65, has been trying to stretch his \$10 budget for gas for at least two days. But with the latest gas price increase, that may be a bit harder.

The Koblerville resident said he drives and picks up his wife to and from her work in Garapan daily.

"I hope gas price will stop going up. It's been hard, especially now that I no longer have a job," he said.

Gennaro Cioffi, president and lead country manager at Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc., earlier said the prices of gasoline is determined by a number of factors, including changes in the world market wholesale prices of gasoline, and the regional gasoline supply and demand balance.

They also include transportation costs, insurance, local distribution, and marketing costs, government regulations, taxes, and competitive market forces, and investments in retail stations and distribution terminals.

Shell and Mobil do not issue advance notices of price increases. As always, many Saipan motorists learn of such price changes only by the price displays at gasoline stations. Some motorists also wouldn't know until they were asked for comments on the latest price increase.

Rota and Tinian voters have already approved casinos on their islands.

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SENATE

in the Senate because we feel there are other investors willing to come to Rota and Tinian."

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial asked the senators during a closed-door meeting on Monday to "keep an open mind" to casinos on Saipan as projected revenues have gone down.

The fiscal year 2011 projected revenue of \$132 million, for example, has been reduced by \$10 million, while the proposed budget for 2012 is only \$102 million.

Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) and other senators said that his statement may have been misunderstood by the other newspaper. Ayuyu reiterated yesterday that there was no commitment made by any of the senators to the governor on Monday.

Manglona said the question of whether to legalize casino on Saipan should go through a popular initiative and decided directly by Saipan residents, who had already twice rejected a casino initiative.

"If you ask me today what my position is, it will be no," he said.

Manglona said he supports the statement of former governor and now Rep. Froilan Tenorio after the Senate defeated his Saipan casino bill, wherein he said he will gather signatures and put it through a popular initiative.

"I support Froilan Tenorio's statement shortly after the Senate rejected the casino legislation on Tinian when he stated that he's going to go out and get signatures enough to put it on the ballot," he added.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) echoed Manglona's statement, adding, "it has to be through popular initiative."

"The casino industry on Tinian will be affected. I will be very disrespectful of the people of Saipan if I make a decision on the casino because they already rejected it twice," he said, adding that he will also vote "no" on a Saipan

He said Rota and Tinian casino investors should be helped, and the new ones should be given a chance to succeed.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said if a vote on a Saipan casino bill is held today, he will also vote "no."

Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said if there's a casino bill vote today, "I don't think it will have a chance in the Senate today."

"Let the good people of Saipan decide on it. Let's respect the decision of the people," he said.

Ayuyu also suggested that before the House decides to introduce a Saipan casino bill, it should at least meet with

China trip

At least four senators are scheduled to leave today for Tian Jin, China, at the invitation of Tinian casino investor Bridge Investment Group.

These senators include Manglona, Hofschneider, Cruz, and Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian).

Hofschneider is the chairman of the Tinian Legislative Delegation, whose members include Cruz and San Nicolas.

Also invited to go to China were Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz.

Fitial, who was also invited, said the China trip to show CNMI officials' support will be an encouraging sign to casino investors.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said Fitial will not be able to make the trip because of his physical therapy.

The group of senators and the mayor was supposed to leave for China last Monday, but was postponed to today, and this was the status as of late yesterday afternoon.

The visit to Tian Jin, China is seen to strengthen the partnership between the CNMI and Bridge Investment as the latter pursues its \$40 million to \$50 million casino and condominium project on Tinian.

possible, we like to prove it's possible," Branson said. "I love learning and I'm just very fortunate to participate in these kinds of adventures."

Branson unveiled the submarine, a nearly 18-foot (5.5-meter) long, whiteand-blue airplane-like craft with stubby wings and a cockpit.

The carbon fiber and titanium craft will be capable of cruising for about 6.2 miles (10 kilometers) and can stay down unaided for 24 hours. The sub and its accompanying catamaran cost an estimated \$17 million.

Branson said his so-called Virgin Oceanic expedition will have a scientific and educational purpose. He hopes the voyages will help to educate the public about mankind's impacts on the world's oceans and marine life.

He is partnering with Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research In-

stitute and Moss Landing Marine Labs in Northern California as well as other research institutions. Scientists hope to study the tectonic plates and eventually use lander vehicles to bring back water, microbes and possibly small creatures from the ocean depths.

"We have 800 pounds of moon rocks and not one drop from the bottom of the ocean," said Alex Tai, Virgin Group director of special projects.

The dives will be dangerous and the pilots will likely be down in the dark and cold ocean depths for hours will little communication with the outside world. Rescues will be impossible, Welsh said. Still, he was clearly more excited than wary of the prospect, saying there is a magic to exploring new places.

"It's like going to the moon and having the lunar rover to explore around," Welsh said.

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of the Japan disaster and its impact on Hyatt and other hotels in the CNMI.

He said Hyatt Regency, for example, has cut employee work hours to 32 a week. The premier hotel also had to close down each of its restaurants two days a week to cope with the plummeting occupancy.

"Until March 10th, we have been doing quite well, slightly better than last year. I don't think we can achieve the 2011 business plan," he told the Chamber at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio.

Hyatt, he said, has also allowed staff to clear outstanding annual leaves.

Nishikawa went to Tokyo to see for himself the devastation caused by the 9.0-magnitude quake and tsunami.

He said major hotels in Tokyo also have low occupancy—from 10 to 50 percent-and that CNMI hotels are no different.

Citing a Euromonitor International report, Nishikawa said the best case scenario for international departures from Japan is a decline of 11 percent in 2011, while the worst case scenario is a steep plunge of 21 percent. Outgoing tourist expenditures are expected to drop by 17 percent, said the market research and analysis for industries, countries, companies, and consumers.

Prior to addressing the Chamber, Nishikawa also showed video clips of the Japan disaster, which has so far claimed the lives of some 12,000 people. There are still over 15,000 missing. Some 166,000 affected by the disasters are now living in evacuation centers.

"Many people and places, countries, offered temporary home, place for those people but they didn't want to move even to the next village or town," Nishikawa said. "They are elderly people and grew up together with neighbors, friends, relatives in the same community. They are very loyal to their hometown. They don't want to go to other places by leaving other people behind. This is the kind of mentality of elderly people in general."

The CNMI government and community members have offered to host affected Japanese families.

The Marianas Visitors Authority and the Fitial administration said 2,640 tourists from Japan have cancelled their vacations to the CNMI since March 11, and the projected loss to the economy is at \$5 million to \$6 million.

CNMI, global response

Nishikawa said Japan is thankful that

the world has responded to the disaster, with worldwide donations to the disaster relief fund totaling \$130 bil-

"The [Japan] government will decide the fair distribution to those area and people," he said.

Nishikawa was one of the three guest speakers, along with Pacific Development Inc. president Yoichi Matsumura and American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh.

Matsumura said the NMI-Japan Disaster Relief has so far raised some \$40,000.

Of this amount, some \$5,000 was raised during the April 2 "Join Us Help Japan" fundraiser at the Garapan Fishing Base despite heavy rains.

He said some \$22,000 worth of inkind donations was also raffled off during the event.

They will also have booths at the Taste of the Marianas. For those who want to donate, Nishikawa can be reached at 287-8785.

Hirsh, for his part, made a presentation on ongoing efforts and perspective of the American Red Cross in Japan, and how residents and businesses can participate in the Red Cross disaster

He said what happened in Japan could also happen to the CNMI, and he encouraged the community to be always prepared. At one point, Hirsh said if a quake knocks someone off his feet, he need not wait for any Emergency Management Office advisory, but should immediately proceed to higher grounds.

More donations

At the Chamber of Commerce meeting, additional businesses made donations to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter or the NMI-Japan Disaster Relief, both to go toward helping the affected residents and for the recovery

Juan Pan Guerrero and Herman Guerrero of the Guerrero Trust Fund donated \$1,000 to the Red Cross for the Japan relief efforts.

The Commonwealth Auto Dealers Association, whose members include Microl Corp., Joeten Motors, and Triple "J" Motors, also made a donation.

Frances Demapan, president of Joeten Motors, also announced that Joeten Motors will donate \$100 to the Japan disaster relief efforts for every new and used car sold for the next three months. She added that the Joeten Charitable Foundation earlier donated \$20,000 to the Red Cross and the Consulate of Japan.

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Ex-DPS chief testifies Gov. Fitial not behind hiring of Sgt. Tagabuel

>> But Sgt. Guerrero says Tudela told him Fitial asked him to hire Tagabuel

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE REPORTER

Former police commissioner Santiago F. Tudela took the witness stand yesterday to belie prior testimony that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial had instructed him to re-hire Sgt. Vicente Tagabuel, saving the governor did not such thing.

Sgt. James C. Deleon Guerrero, however, in the continuation of his testimony yesterday disclosed that in the early part of 2010, Tudela told him that Gov. Fitial had asked him to hire Tagabuel because Tagabuel was under some "court order to get a job."

Lawyers for both the plaintiff and the defense rested their cases yesterday after calling their final witnesses to the stand.

The government, through assistant attorney general James T. Mitchell, called to the witness stand Sgt. Paul Ogumoro and Office of Personnel Management Employee Development and Staffing Section chief Joseph M. Pangelinan.

Sgt. Deleon Guerrero is suing DPS for alleged discrimination in its promotion and hiring practices. Twenty-five other police officers joined Deleon Guerrero in the lawsuit.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman ordered the parties in the case to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law at the same time on June 17, 2011. The judge said he would issue a ruling after that.

Robert T. Torres, told Saipan *Tribune* after the hearing that the testimony lent credence to Sgt. Deleon Guerrero's con- DPS asserts that the hiring of cerns and those of the 25 other police officers that morale is low at DPS because of the disregard of personnel rules and regulations, lack of fairness, and ignorance of objections to unfairness.

"This is not a day to celebrate but one to register great concern about the treatment of civil service employees, whether within DPS or anywhere. Civil service employees are different. They are protected and rules are there for that reason," Torres said.

Unfortunately, the lawyer said, public servants at DPS have to look to the Judiciary to register their grievances at great personal cost, being subjected to harassment and hoping for a fair remedy to an unfair situation.

"We look forward to the court's ruling on the issues," Torres said.

In February, Wiseman had ruled that an issue of material fact still exists in the case of Sgts. Paul Ogumoro and Vicente Tagabuel, since

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these two complied with the competitive selection process, while Deleon Guerrero and other officers provide contrary evidence showing that Tagabuel's position was never announced, and that he was hired at Fitial's instructions.

At yesterday's hearing, Tudela said that Tagabuel was re-hired because when Tagabuel left the department a few years ago his rank was also sergeant. Tudela said there was a vacancy for the position of sergeant when he re-hired Tagabuel.

When attorney Torres asked

him if Fitial asked him to re-hire Tagabuel, Tudela said "no."

Tudela also testified that he demoted Alfred Celes from sergeant back to his previous rank as Police Officer 2 because Celes did not go through with the proper process.

"I have to demote him [Celes] because of the low morale of the officers," Tudela said.

He acknowledged that some police officers were more qualified than Celes to occupy the rank of sergeant.

When asked if he did anything to recover the salary paid to Celes as a sergeant, Tudela replied that he had no authority

As for the hiring of Sgt. Paul Ogumoro, Tudela said he had commissioner at the time was Rebecca Warfield.

Tudela admitted that he never acted on the grievance filed by Sgt. Deleon Guerrero.

In the continuation of his testimony, Sgt. Deleon Guerrero said that during the early part of last year, Tudela told him that Fitial was behind the re-hiring of Sgt. Tagabuel.

"He [Tudela] told me that politics is involved. That Gov. Fitial told him to hire Tagabuel," Deleon Guerrero said.

Deleon Guerrero said he is very sure about it and that his

memory is clear on this conversation with Tudela.

Paul Ogumoro testified that nothing do with it because the he was with DPS from 1988 to 1995, leaving as a police officer III. Ogumoro said he went to Attorney General's Investigative Unit as an investigator, executing search warrants; working with the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, Customs, etc.

> Ogumoro testified he was sworn in as a law enforcement officer and then deputized by the DPS commissioner to carry a firearm.

> Torres noted that the DPS commissioner has no authority to deputize non-law enforcement officers to carry firearms.



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240 child abuse cases reported to DYS in FY 2010

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The Division of Youth Services recorded a total of 240 child abuse cases last fiscal year, the bulk of which involved sexual and physical maltreatments involving 605 children on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Of these 240 cases, 152 were substantiated after finding the existence of harm to the safety of the children, Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao said yesterday

Agency records showed that physical abuse accounted for 64 of the cases; sexual abuse, 53; emotional abuse, 10; neglect, 82; and others, 31.

Last fiscal year's total re-

agency—from 217 in 2009 to 240 in 2010.

Substantiated cases in fiscal year 2009 totaled 129 compared to fiscal year 2010's 152 cases.

Faisao admitted that the figure is high but pointed to the collaborative effort of DYS with other agencies to eliminate abuses on children.

"The statistics show high results...and the Child Protective Services in conjunction with Public Safety, Public Health, and the Judicia[ry] are taking this matter seriously. DYS will continue to advocate against child abuses and maltreatment," Faisao assured

Once DYS determines that an abuse or maltreatment does

abuse cases reported to the reports the case to the police, which conducts further investigation. DYS, meantime, will continue to provide needed social services to the affected child and families.

> The Office of the Attorney General is also being tapped by DYS in matters relating to children's temporary legal custody and placement.

> The department, however, holds no record of updates on these cases after these are filed in the courts, Faisao said.

> DYS records show that of the 605 children involved last fiscal year, 312 are girls and 293 are boys. In fiscal year 2009, the 553 children involved were composed of 262 girls and 291 boys.

In fiscal year 2010, 82 chil-

were neglected physically; 16 neglected educationally, and four neglected medically. In 2009, 86 children were found actions taken toward a child by any person who occupies a special relationship with the authority over that child.

In the CNMI, child abuse is child. This can be committed a crime that penalizes certain either by a person who has custody over a child, or a person who occupies a position of

Deployment of portable hospitals at airports and ARFF centers eyed

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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The Federal Aviation Administration wants Pacific airports to enhance their safety and emergency response capabilities with the deployment of portable hospitals at airport sites during emergencies as well as plans to establish key regional aircraft meet this goal.

This was among the highlights of the presentation yesterday of Ron Simpson, FAA airports district office manager in Honolulu, on the second day of the 2011 Pacific Aviation Directors' Workshop at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Speaking to over 100 airport officials and representatives, Simpson said he believes it may be more effective for medical teams to respond at the airport to treat injured passengers rather than transport them to a local hospital. He said it may also be the best way to stabilize injured survivors to prepare them for emergency evacuation flights.

Besides portable hospitals, Simpson said it is also the FAA's aim to build Pacific airports with fire stations that will help them respond to emergency situations.

He also emphasized the need for Pacific airports to update their airport emergency plans and encouraged airport officials to coordinate with local emergency management departments in their areas for better collaboration. The FAA has extended to June 30 this year the deadline for airports to submit their revised airport emergency plans.

Simpson also pointed out the need to improve the process by which airport operators notify FAA whenever there are conditions that may affect the safe op-

erations of air carriers, aircraft incidents, and accidents.

The FAA has already scheduled an airport emergency operations training in Yap on May 16-20, while a seminar to enhance airports' emergency response capabilities is set this October in Palau.

Three jurisdictions have already been identified to have their own regional ARFF training facilities: Saipan, American Samoa, and Hawaii.

Simpson said that American Samoa has reaffirmed its commitment to establish a regional ARFF training center and is now developing a business plan. The Hawaii airport, he disclosed, is also conducting a statewide study on a similar training facility.

On Saipan, work is ongoing to renovate and transform the Saipan International Airport's ARFF facility into the region's state-of-the-art training center for ARFF personnel. The Commonwealth Ports Authority was awarded a \$17 million FAA grant for this project.

The project's building design is at 60 percent and its first phase will be completed in a year's time. ARFF continues to be a pride for the Northern Marianas because its aviation personnel are recognized as capable of dealing with emergency situations and are knowledgeable enough to train others in the region.



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ADDENDUM NO. 01 03-21-11 RFP11-SOF-067 OPERATION and REVITALIZATION of La FIESTA MALL

The previously advertised notice, Request For Proposal ("RFP") for the "Operation & Revitalization of La Fiesta Mall" has been amended. The specific amendment is to modify include eleven (11) sheets of plans, extend when bids are due and when bids will open. Amendment shall read:

Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked RFP-SOF-067 containing (1) original and five (5) copies and submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement & Supply Office; Lower Base Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, April 29, 2011. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will no be accepted. All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing and must be received by 4:30 p.m. ChST April 14, 2011.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "RFP11-SOF-067". For proposers within the CNMI one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST April 29, 2011. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement 7 Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST April 29, 2011 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official postal service of a foreign country no later than, April 29, 2011 ChST AND must be received no later than May 11, 2011. Note that the failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

All other elements of the RFP remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the Office of Secretary of Finance, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except holidays) or by contacting Ms. Larrisa Larson, Acting Secretary of Finance at (670)664-1100 or by fax at (670)664-1115. Questions are due no later than close of business day

/s/ LARRISA LARSON Acting Secretary of Finance

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director, Procurement & Supply

/s/ ELOY S. INOS Lieutenant Governo

DoD: Still a lot of unknowns in Guam military buildup

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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Current economic challenges and other environmental concerns are impacting the U.S. Department of Defense's planned military buildup in Guam, according to Marine Forces Pacific's Timothy Robert.

Speaking at the 2011 Pacific Aviation Directors' Workshop at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, the defense policy review initiative planning group operations officer said these challenges could force the hand of DoD to

change its original plan for the Guam military buildup.

"[There are] still a lot of unknowns," he told a crowd of over 100, adding that an expected increase in the cost to relocate more than 8,000 U.S. Marines and their 9,000 dependents from Okinawa, Japan, to Guam is among the factors.

The U.S. and Japanese governments agreed to the troop transfer three years ago to reduce U.S. troop presence in Okinawa.

Robert said the original allocation for the military buildup projects was \$10 billion and

ects and other works related to the plan at present cost \$1 billion—just 10 percent of the original allocation.

The situation is further exacerbated by the 9.0-magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami that hit Japan last March 11, which devastated the country.

Robert said the disaster affects Japan's ability to fund what they need at this point in time. The Japanese government has earlier agreed to spend close to half a billion dollars for the relocation.

A bulk of the \$497.8 million Japan will pay toward the military buildup in Guam will go to the design and the building of on-base infrastructure in the Finegayan area, while the rest will be spent in the construction of a fire station, a medical clinic, and an administrative facility.

As for an exact date itself as to when the Marines will be relocated and the total numbers that will be involved, Robert said those remain uncertain. The Defense Department earlier targeted 2014 for the troops transfer.

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tary School, Rota High School,

Tinian Elementary School, Tin-

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The Defense Department's budget challenges are also a factor that may impact the buildup plan, Robert said. The U.S. government has yet to pass a budget for the new fiscal year.

Robert also cited the additional National Environmental Policy Act efforts that are required for the project including for the relocation, carrier, missile defense, and trainings. Despite these host of "un-

knowns," Robert assured that "everything is still on track and on schedule."

"It is continuing, the meetings are taking place, agree-

tian Academy on Tinian, Gre-

gorio T. Camacho Elementary,

Kagman Elementary School,

and Chacha Oceanview Junior

are prepared to move forward as currently scheduled," he added.

The buildup plan includes building four firing ranges on Tinian.

"We have four ranges on the current [environmental impact statement] and that's what we are prepared to move forward with. Anything else that would be related to Tinian in the future would be through another EIS process completely unconnected to the Marine relocation to Guam," Robert said. The relocation and buildup is estimated to cost \$15 billion to \$20 billion.

About 1,000 schoolchildren

from 44 schools in the CNMI

and Guam participated.

High School.

SVES reaffirms 6-year accreditation >> 8 schools commended for Chamorro contest

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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The Western Association of Schools and Colleges has reaffirmed the six-year term accreditation of San Vicente Elementary School, while eight other Commonwealth schools were lauded by the Senate for their successful participation in the Chamorro language competition in Guam.

Dr. David Brown, executive director of WASC's accrediting commission for schools, informed SVES principal Joaquina Salas of the commission's decision in a letter last week, commending the school's efforts in meeting standards.

"WASC has completed its review of the onsite midterm review visiting committee report for San Vicente Elementary School. I am pleased to inform you that the report indicated that your school has given appropriate attention to the critical areas for follow-up noted by the previous visiting committee," Brown said in his letter.

The school's six-year term accreditation is up to June 2014.

"I want to express my appreciation on behalf of the com-

and public schools on island were recognized by the Senate in a resolution adopted last week that commends the students' performance in the 8th Annual Chamorro Language Competition. The event was held March 8 at the University of Guam Field House.

Guam schools had seven gold medals, 11 silver medal honors, and 11 bronze medals.

Taimanao, the resolution was

mission for your efforts and congratulate you for continuing to provide quality education for all students," added Brown. Meantime, eight other private

The CNMI's medal tally from the competition totaled 24. CNMI students bagged 11 of the 18 total gold medal awards, seven of the 18 silver medals and six of the 17 bronze medals given out during the competi-

Authored by Sen. Jovita



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A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 26, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE EMO CONFERENCE ROOM.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO JOAQUIN (KILROY) I. GUERRERO, COMMUNICATIONS & MAINTENANCE MANAGER AT (670) 322-8001/2/3 OR BY FAX TO (670) 322-5000 OR EMAIL TO jidlguerrero@cnmiemo.gov.mp NO LATER THAN APRIL 29, 2011 CLOSE OF BUSINESS.

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Man gets 3 months for pot possession

A man accused of cultivating marijuana plants and illegal possession of bullets has pleaded guilty plea as part of a plea deal and was sentenced to three months in prison.

Alex Kalen Borja, 32, pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of a controlled substance (marijuana).

Superior Court Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona gave Borja credit for the time he had already served in jail. This means Borja will no longer serve further jail time.

He was ordered to pay a \$250 fine and a \$25 court assessment fee.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Borja with unlawful possession of ammunition and unlawful possession of a controlled substance. With the plea deal, the ammunition charge was dropped.

CNMI Drug Task Force Detective Sean White stated in his la Torre)

Saipan he found 24 marijuana plants being cultivated in the jungle area located at the side of Borja's residence.

White said that he also saw a duffle bag at the house that contained eight bullets. (Ferdie de

Man who fired gun at Micro Beach gets 15-month term

A man arrested last September for firing a rifle several times into the air and then pointing it toward a crowd in Micro Beach, Garapan, has pleaded guilty as part of a plea deal and was sentenced to 15 months in prison.

Andave Marchadesch Camacho, 27, pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of a firearm. He was sentenced to five pay a \$1,000 fine, \$100 court

years in prison, all suspended except for 15 months, with credit for the three days he had already served in jail. He will begin serving his sentence on May 1, 2011.

After serving his sentence, he will be placed on 69 months of probation and required to perform 100 hours of community service. He was also ordered to assessment fee, and \$100 in annual probation fee.

Patrol officers had responded to Micro Beach after the Department of Public Safety received a call on Sept. 18, 2010, at 3:16am about a possible shooting incident.

A witness told officers that Camacho, who was drunk, fired a rifle in the air four times, then pointed the weapon at a crowd in the area and asked if anyone wanted to fight.

Camacho then fled on a pickup truck. Police officers later spotted the vehicle in Chalan Lau Lau and arrested him.

Camacho was represented in court by lawyer Joseph Camacho. Superior Court Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona presided over the case. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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CHILD CARE PROGRAM

OPENS FOR NEW APPLICANTS

To: All parents and/or Legal Guardians:

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Child Care Program will be doing pre-eligibility assessments for new applicants. The program will open to a maximum of 130 children or slots only. Once all slots have been taken, pre-eligibility assessments will cease and no more applications will be provided.

Pre eligibility assessments will be done at the following locations, date, and time.

Location	Date	Time
• NMC Campus This is only for those attending NMC or going to school	Thursday, April 14, 2011	1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.
Garapan Street Market	Thursday, April 21, 2011	6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Parents and/or Legal Guardians who are interested in applying for the program must go through the pre-eligibility process and will need to bring the following.

- Three (3) latest check stubs showing the applicant's name, hours worked (at least 60 hours bi-weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earnings (both parents);
- Most recent 1040 tax for the year 2010 (both parents);
- School documents (class schedule, must be full time 12 credit);
- Training schedule (must have at least 60 training hours bi-weekly).

Any interested individual who does not bring the above mentioned documents will not be entertained for pre-eligibility.

The Child Care Program Office will accept completed applications beginning May 16, 2011 and the last day to submit applications will be May 27, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Completed applications along with the required documents should be forwarded to the Child Care Program Office Building No. 1347 Ascension Court Capitol Hill. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For questions regarding the Child Care Program please call 664-2575/2546/2587.

Requirements:

Applicant of Household

- Check stubs for the most recent three pay periods for each parent or guardian;
- A copy of Identification Card for each parent or guardian (Passport, CNMI driver's license, Mayor's ID Card or entry
- A copy of your most recent 1040 Tax for the year 2010 (each parent or guardian):
- Residency: The applicant or guardian must be living in the CNMI Provide one of the following documents:
 - House Rental/Mortgage
 - Utility Receipt
 - Telephone Receipt Entry Permit
- Employment verification;
- Child support statement/stub;
- Training/Education Verification and class schedules;
- If single parent/guardian in a household provide notarized affidavit.

Child/ Children Household member:

- A copy of Birth Certificate for each child (Child must be a US citizen or a qualified alien, as defined in Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Act (PRWORA);
- A copy of US Passport;
- A copy of Social Security Card.

Approved for distribution:

/s/ Melvin L.O. Faisao **DCCA** Secretary

Date: 03/21/2011

Funding from the Office of Child Care, US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families



Apr. 7, 2000

Compensation for municipal council members okayed

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday signed two new laws, one providing compensation for elected members of the municipal council on each district in the CNMI, and the other, switching capital improvement projects on Rota. Under Public Law 12-3, each member of the municipal council is now entitled to a \$60 compensation for a full-day meeting and no more than \$30 for a half day or less each meeting. This puts them at par with members of government corporations, councils, commissions, agencies and boards in the CNMI, who receive the stipend. According to the governor, the measure allows members of the municipal council to be paid when attending official meeting as they were not previously covered under existing law.

NMI artists to join largest arts festival in the Pacific

A delegation of close to 100 artists and officials from the Northern Marianas will fly to New Caledonia later this year to participate in the largest arts festival in the Pacific, according to Arts Council Coordinator Cindy Macaranas. Tight revenues have prompted the CNMI government to trim down the number of delegates to the 8th Festival of Pacific Arts which will be held in New Caledonia from Oct. 23 to Nov. 3, 2000. According to Ms. Macaranas, delegates to the festival will be hosted in boarding facilities of all New Caledonia public and private schools. Organizers are hoping to install washing machines in boarding facilities for the exclusive use of the delegates.

Apr. 7, 2003

Court to look into issues surrounding 'partida'

The Superior Court has denied a bank's request for summary judgment on a case where the financial institution is asking the court to declare that a couple fraudulently transferred ownership of 12 parcels of land to their children and a grandchild allegedly to evade their financial obligation. Victor B. and Villia M. Hocog owed the Bank of Guam at least \$1.79 million. They claimed, however, that the conveyance of ownership of the lands was actually a partida, a customary practice in the Commonwealth. "A partida is the distribution of family landholdings under the Chamorro custom," said Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama. "Generally, a partida occurs when the father calls the entire family together and outlines the division of the property among his children."

FEMA requires PSS justification

The Public School System needs to satisfy certain federal rules before it could be granted any waiver on insurance coverage, which is a prerequisite for the release of typhoon-related funds. Vicky Villagomez, the Governor's Authorized Representative, said the PSS has to go through a process that involves insurance solicitation for all PSS facilities. "As of now, it's uncertain if PSS can get the waiver. We have to go through the process," she said, adding that the lack of funds is not reason enough for the waiver. She said the CNMI insurance commissioner, Commerce Secretary Fermin Atalig, would have to certify whether insurance is unreasonable and unavailable. "He may have to do it facility by facility. You can't just say PSS has no funding for insurance. FEMA can't just waive on that basis."

Apr. 7, 2004

Senate passes DNA testing for child support

the Legislature has passed a bill that proposes to make DNA testing an option in child support cases. The measure, Senate Bill 14-1, was passed by both House and Senate chambers and transmitted to Gov. Juan N. Babauta on April 5 for final approval. The measure, authored by Sen. Pete P. Reyes, aims, among others, to ensure that only the biological parent can be ordered to pay for child support. It requires the court to advise the purported parent about the option to get DNA test to scientifically determine parental relationship to the child.

Garment reallocation program up for review

The Attorney General's Office vowed to come out with specific guidelines in the next 30 days to address the reallocation of slots to various apparel companies following a meeting held yesterday with the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association and the CNMI Legislature. According to House spokesperson Charles Reyes, the AGO would come up with regulations and a workers' slot reallocation system that would work to the satisfaction of the industry.

Guam Army National Guard gets notice for possible deployment

The Guam Army National Guard's 1-294th Infantry Regiment and F Company, 29th Support Battalion, recently received notice that it may deploy to Afghanistan in 2013. Both units are subordinate elements of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team from the Hawaii Army National Guard.

The Hawaii Army National Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, to include its organic infantry battalions from Arizona (1-158th) and Guam, including soldiers who reside in the CNMI (1-294th), received a "Notification of Sourcing" and was told to prepare for a possible deployment to Afghanistan in 2013. Possible missions or specific mobilization details are not currently available.

The Notification of Sourcing is not an official "alert," mobilization, or decision to deploy; it's the military's method of communicating to a unit that it

should vigilantly prepare for a deployment. Until the Secretary of Defense approves an actual "alert order," it is still possible that the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team will not be mobilized or deployed.

Subordinate units from the 1-294th Infantry Regiment have been part of multiple deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom since Sept. 11, 2001.

Company-sized elements from the battalion have conducted four rotations to Djibouti in the Horn of Africa, while platoonsized elements have performed three security force missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines. Other platoons from the battalion have also deployed to Afghanistan in support of other missions.

Soldiers from the Guam Army National Guard served with the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team as individual augmentees during its deployment to Iraq in 2008. The 1-294th Infantry Regiment deployments are consistent with other National Guard infantry units from the 54 states and territories.

Maj. Gen. Benny Paulino, The Adjutant General for the Guam National Guard, projects approximately 800 soldiers from Guam and the CNMI will deploy with the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. This will be the largest deployment ever for the Guam National Guard, as well as any Reserve component from Guam.

"Our priority right now is to make sure our troops are ready for the mission and that their families are prepared. At this time, we would like to ask our island community and our employers to continue with the great support and understanding that they have been providing our soldiers and their families over the years," said Paulino. (PR)

BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 10:00 a.m. on April 11, 2011, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission [Commission] will conduct a public hearing at the Marianas Public Land <u>Trust Conference Room! Capitol Hill,</u> to receive evidence, argument, discussion and public comment on proposed rate adjustments to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's [CUC] electric rates.

1. CUC amended petition for electric base rate adjustments.

The Commission will examine CUC's November 10, 2010 petition for base rate relief, as amended on December 8, 2010, February 9, 2011 and March 9, 2011, which request that effective on May 11, 2011 its electric base rate revenues [which does not include fuel revenue, as discussed below] be increased on an annualized basis by about 44% from \$19.9 million to \$28.7 million dollars. CUC proposes that this additional revenue be produced by rate increases, which would be assessed on its three customer classes [residential, commercial and government] in the manner set forth in its public notice, as published in the Saipan Tribune and Marianas Variety on March 11, 2011. CUC asserts that this increased base revenue is just, reasonable and necessary to enable it to comply with: a] the statutory mandate that it bill and collect adequate rate revenue to recover the costs associated with the operation and delivery of electric service, including financial reserves and b] the requirements of the Federal Stipulated Order dated March 11, 2009, in USA v. CUC and CNMI.

CUC's petition, as amended, is supported by testimony and documentary evidence, which is available for public review at its administrative office on the 3^{rd} floor, Joeten Dandan Building and at its Tinian and Rota offices. The Commission has tasked its independent regulatory consultant [Georgetown] to investigate, review and submit testimony on CUC's petition, as amended. Georgetown's report will be filed with the Commission on March 25, 2011 and will then be available for public review at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive (Whispering Palms), Chalan Kiya, Attorney for Georgetown Consulting, and at CUC's offices, as identified

2. LEAC Rate and collateral matters.

Pursuant to a tariff established by regulatory order on December 19, 2008, the Commission reviews and approves the semi-annual LEAC [levelized energy adjustment clause] rate, which CUC is authorized to charge its electric customers to recover its projected fuel and related expenses during the period. CUC's LEAC rate is separate from its base rates, which are intended to fund its non-fuel operational and capital expenses. By transmission dated March 21, 2011, CUC and Georgetown have recommended that for the period May 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011, the current LEAC rate of \$0.28125 cents per kWh should be increased to \$0.30852 cents per kWh [a 9.6 percent increase]. On or before March 22, 2011, CUC and Georgetown will file a joint report, which will document this joint recommendation and which will also reconcile projected versus actual fuel expenses incurred by CUC in prior LEAC periods and will recommend appropriate adjustments in order to keep LEAC charge revenue neutral. The March 22, 2011 joint LEAC report will be available for public inspection at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive (Whispering Palms), Chalan Kiya, Attorney for Georgetown Consulting, and at CUC's administrative offices.

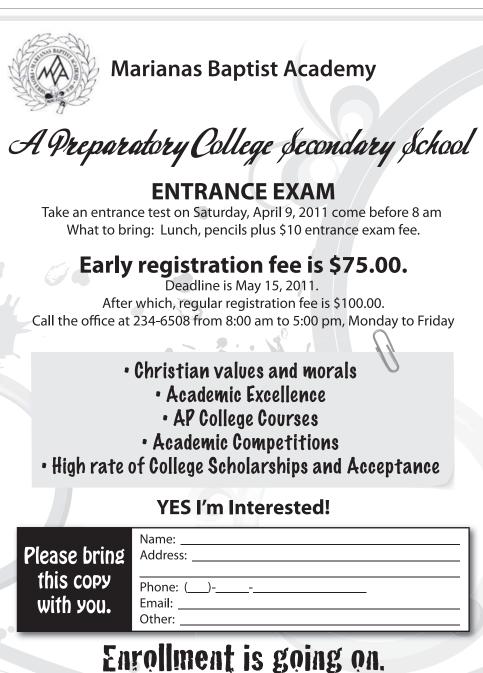
At the public hearing, the Commission will also consider CUC and Georgetown's positions with regard to CUC's November 10, 2010 petition for regulatory approval of a proposed fifth change order to CUC's contract with Telesource CNMI, Inc. for operation of CUC's Tinian power generation facilities. Georgetown's January 24, 2011 analysis of this petition is available for public inspection at the Law Office Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive (Whispering Palms), Chalan Kiya, Attorney for Georgetown Consulting. In its analysis, Georgetown asserts that the proposed change order is not necessary, prudent or cost-beneficial to CUC's electric customers and should, therefore, be denied.

THE COMMISSION WELCOMES THE PUBLIC'S ATTENDANCE at its April 11, 2011 public hearing and will welcome public comments at the conclusion of the hearing. Persons who desire to formally participate in the hearing pursuant to 4 CMC § 8409(j) should on or before March 31, 2011 file with the Commission at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive (Whispering Palms), Chalan Kiya an application and offer of proof in accordance with §8409(j) and Commission Procedural Rule 11(c). Subsequent to the public hearing, the Commission will schedule, notice and conduct a special business meeting to consider and make decisions regarding matters considered at the public hearing. Further information about the public hearing and the public's right to participate may be obtained from Robert T. Torres at 670-234-7859.

¹ The public's attention is called to the fact that this hearing location is a change from the location identified in

CUC's March 11, 2011 public notice.





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Ignorance wins

lorida pastor Terry Jones certainly deserves a lion's share of criticism for his symbolic burning of the Quran on March 20, having been warned for months that it was almost certain to provoke violence in the Muslim world. It did, and now 24 people are dead in Afghanistan, including six U.N. workers in the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

It is important to note, however, that the reaction of Muslim zealots—attacking and killing innocent Westerners—grossly exceeds the provocation. Jones shouldn't have done it in the first place; his Quran burning accomplished nothing, not even serving his twisted goal of promoting Christianity while denigrating Islam. But his offense in no way justified the savagery that followed.

Jones can argue he was simply exercising his constitutional right of free speech and practice of religion. True, but it's just as abhorrent as the Westboro Baptist Church protesters who display "Thank God for dead soldiers" signs near military funerals. Its effect is just as dangerous as yelling "fire" in a crowded theater.

But unlike the panic that can ensue in a crowded theater, those who reacted to Jones' provocation always had control of their reactions. They chose to retaliate with violence and murder.

To his credit, President Barack Obama presented a balanced, measured condemnation Saturday, calling Jones' actions "an act of extreme intolerance and bigotry" while labeling the Afghan reaction "outrageous, and an affront to human decency and dignity."

Two decades ago, a Quran burning at an obscure Florida church probably would not have merited mention in the local newspaper. But such is the Internet's reach that news and images of Jones' action quickly penetrated into a remote part of Afghanistan, where the literacy rate is only 28 percent. In effect, the Internet enabled a representative of our lunatic fringe to reach out and touch members of the lunatic fringe on the other side of the world. The effect was disastrous.

Worse is Jones' inability to see beyond this self-promoting stunt to grasp the damage he has caused, jeopardizing American lives and an exceedingly sensitive U.S. military mission. Jones has given America's enemies yet another recruiting tool to justify their war against us, while giving Muslim allies good reason to distance themselves from the West.

Sadly, this tragic episode has appealed to the lowest common denominator—ignorance—on both sides of the Western-Muslim divide. The Afghan government should dispense swift justice to those who murdered.

As for Jones, the only hope is that he now recognizes the powerful forces he's playing with and that he'll pledge to never do such a thing again.

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A double standard on civility in politics

Nearly three months ago, a gunman in Arizona killed six people and wounded 13 others, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Within hours, and with no evidence, Republicans and conservatives, especially tea party activists, were blamed. They didn't pull the trigger, the criticism went, but they certainly had encouraged a violent "climate" with "vitriolic" words, deeds, and symbols.

That was nonsense. But if the criticism wasn't just using a tragedy to score political points, if Democrats and liberals truly believed what they were saying, no doubt they would have become models of civility. Or at least attacked their own if they broke the new rules.

Last week, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., was caught giving fellow Democrats talking points on the federal budget fight. "I always use the word extreme," he said. "That is what the caucus instructed me to use this week."

Leftist comedian/pundit Bill Maher has taken to referring to former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as a "dumb t---."

In Wisconsin, in reaction to Gov. Scott Walker's attempt to limit collective bargaining, "dead man" chalk outlines with his name on them appeared outside the state Capitol. Inside, after the Assembly passed the bill, an irate Democratic lawmaker turned to a female GOP colleague and shouted, "You are f----- dead!" He later apologized.

Aside from NOW's clucking at Maher—mostly the group was upset at having to rise to Palin's defense—there wasn't much made of this "vitriol." So, all the post-Arizona venting was just a cheap attempt to silence political opponents.

Knowing all that, I was reluctant to attend last weekend's conference "Can We Talk? A Conversation About Civility and Democracy in America" at the National Constitution Center. But I went, and I'm very glad I did.

First, the sessions I saw demonstrated what I've come to appreciate about the Constitution Center: It tries to present as many sides of an issue as possible. Is there a perfect balance of right, left, and center every time? No, but the effort is there.

Second, I was reminded of the basic decency, common sense, and concern for the country's fiscal future that is at the heart of the tea party movement. That was all courtesy of the Seattle area's Keli A. Carender.

The 31-year-old blogger and activist used to teach math to inner-city adults. Now she works full time for Tea Party Patriots and State Budget Solutions, focusing on legislative research, government transparency, and helping states fight the worst aspects of the health-reform law.

In the conference's opening minutes, the Oxford-educated veteran of comedy improvs politely, yet directly, put the day's topic in perspective.

"It's hard to believe we're talking about civility now after I and others in the tea party have been maligned and impugned," she said. "I've been called a racist many times."

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As have other tea party activists, including her parents, Carender told me in a phone interview last week.

"My parents, when they were younger, threw themselves into the civil rights movement," she said. "Now people try to call them racists?"

How does that differ from calling supporters of health-care reform socialists?

"When you call someone a racist, you've labeled them an immoral person, as a person who literally hates someone because of the color of their skin," she said.

"Call someone a socialist, and you imply that they believe in a certain set of philosophies and policies. You're implying those policies are bad and dangerous, sure, but that doesn't say anything about the person's character, what's in their heart, or how they treat other people."

She has two simple rules to live by in her activism: Govern your-self first. Even if a policy or issue gets you angry, you won't win anyone over with insults or attacks.

"Shrill gets attention, but it turns people off," she said at the conference.

Second, govern your side.

"If people are calling for civility, but not calling out the uncivil behavior on their own side, they have no credibility with me," she told me.

At its worst, she sees the civility movement as a distraction from issues.

"We can't put all our energy and resources into fighting smears," she says. "We have to put it toward affecting the change that we want to see."

Last week, Carender was working to change federal budget policy. She and other tea partyers were backing rallies urging the GOP not to settle for less than \$90 billion more in budget cuts this year.

Isn't that uncivil, refusing to compromise? "I think \$90 billion is a compromise," she replies, noting that the annual deficit is more than \$1.3 trillion. "We're flying off a cliff and

\$90 billion is nothing."

"We're not trying to play the politics of fear or gin up a crisis," she says. "This is really what's happening."

Well put. Even civil.

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Happy island

successful businessman went on vacation to Saipan on doctor's orders to lower his blood pressure by getting away from his stress-filled life. One morning he was awakened by an urgent phone call from the office and he couldn't go back to sleep so he took an early morning walk along the beach. A small boat with just one local fisherman had just come ashore. He saw that the fisherman had a successful morning and complimented him on his catch. "How long did it take you to catch those fish?"

"Only a few hours," replied the fisherman.

"Well, why don't you stay out longer so you can catch more fish and make more money?"

The fisherman said, as he unloaded them into a cooler: "I have enough to sell and make some money, and the rest will be enjoyed by my family and friends."

"What do you do with the rest of your day?" asked the businessman.

"I take a long nap, get up and play with the kids, then in the evening my family and I spend time with close friends talking, singing, laughing and enjoying the catch I made today along with the food they bring. I have a full and happy life."

The businessman thought for a moment and then stood tall before saying: "I have started several successful businesses, so let me share with you how you can maximize your earnings and become more successful. First, spend more time fishing so you can earn enough money to buy a bigger boat to catch more fish. Next invest your money into a fleet of fishing vessels, and instead of selling your catch to a middleman open a cannery so you can sell directly to consumers and export your fish to other countries. You can then move to Hawaii as your enterprise expands its range of fishing to

other locations."

"But, how long will this all take?" asked the fisherman.

"Oh, probably 15-20 years, but then you will be positioned to grow your corporation through an initial public offering to sell stock in your business so that you can buy better ships, facilities, and expand your distribution. In another five years you could retire with millions in the bank.

"Wow, a millionaire! But, then what would I do?" asked the fisherman

"Then you could spend your time fishing, taking long naps, playing with your grandkids, and enjoy your evenings with your friends and family talking, singing, and laughing..."

This story illustrates what is really important in life and how many people run after the success rainbow to realize that their ideal life was put on hold while they chased their dream. One of the things I've enjoyed about living on Saipan is that people here know how to live in the moment. The pace is much slower than in other countries and it often takes longer to get things done because of the lack of urgency, but the tradeoff is a more enjoyable lifestyle.

Before we moved here I was working on a concept and manual that I called the Accelerated Marketing Process. This was going to be the foundation for a consulting and licensing business that was going to make me rich. I became a business instructor at the college because I felt the breaks and summer would allow me more time to finish my manual so I could then make my mark in the world.

Well, 14 years and four kids later my family and I are still enjoying the lifestyle that Saipan offers. I didn't find my riches in the pot at the end of the rainbow, but I've had a wonderful journey that I wouldn't want to change. This is a great place to raise a family and meet some wonderful people. I've tried to make a positive difference at the college and in the community, and writing this weekly column for the last eight years is one way that I've tried to share

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some ideas that I hope are useful on a personal and business level.

One of my concerns is that our happy existence will continue to be shaken as the world situation continues to impact our economy. How will this affect jobs, business growth, retirees, and the financial stability of the CNMI? Will bringing casinos to Saipan and legalizing marijuana be the answer to our economic woes? Or will it only create more problems and negatively impact our lifestyle? Many questions and not enough answers. However, I believe that committed leadership toward a shared vision is the only sustainable solution. That entails four key elements: 1) an exciting vision that is shared by the major groups that call Saipan home; 2) a workable strategic plan that outlines the blueprint for action; 3) commitment to the vision and plan by all key stakeholders and entities that can make the vision a reality; and the most important is 4) committed leadership that oversees the work that needs to be done from start to finish and keeps everyone committed throughout the process.

This will lay a foundation for us to continue to not only realize more revenue, but improve the quality of life for us and our children's children so that we can continue to spend time playing with the kids, and enjoy the evenings with friends and family talking, singing, and laughing.

Letters to the Editor

Saipan residents, wake up!

On March 21, there was a supposed public hearing on Mr. Stanley Torres' bill to create a second Marianas political status commission. That was nothing more or less than a very well staged political event. All anyone had to do was to look at the list of people asked to speak. They got by with it because no one seems to have the guts to stand up and speak out. Well, I did have my say. So, according to Mr. Torres, I am a disgruntled statesider who likes to bash every island leader and that I think I am smarter than they are. Mr. Torres, I thought that you could do better than that. First off, I am not a disgruntled statesider. I am liv-

ing here because I want to, not because I have to. I do not think that I am smarter than the lawmakers. But I do call right, right and wrong, wrong. You say that you want to negotiate with the feds. That would be a welcome change, but I fear that you are several years too late.

For the record, anyone who does not agree with you is not a disgruntled statesider. I have to wonder about the residents of the island. You let this supposed public hearing go without saying a word. But let CUC set up a few power poles on the road to Marpi and all hell breaks lose. What is more important to you: your future or a

few power poles?

For the information of all islands residents, we are moving forward with our attempt to co-op CUC. We need public support to get the job done. If you want to get your power bills down, the next time we have a public meeting, come out and hear what we have to say. Once you hear what we have to say, you can make up your own mind. Just a little information for all of you. The government wants to privatize the power plant. The power plant is the only part of CUC that ever made money. Money made by the power plant helped pay the bills for water, wastewater and cost for Rota and Tinian. If you let some investor make that money, how are you going to pay the bills for the rest of the operation? Just something for you to think about.

Frederick Prosser
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Preservation through pragmatism: Protect village of Susupe

It appears that the proposed application for re-zoning from village residential to village commercial in the quiet village of Susupe appears to have been pre-decided already by the Zoning administrator's site evaluation. Item No. 2 of Mr. Wyatt's comment/evaluation indicate that the location of this property is within the proximity of Beach Road and the Marianas Business Plaza/360 building. This clearly indicates that the project can and may considered "conditional." Wrong! Read on.

Mr. Wyatt, let me remind you and perhaps also educate you that we live in a very small island community such that we all are located or confined well within the proximity of a business community. The 360 Restaurant is located more than a quarter mile from this site. Who are you trying to fool?

Section 404 "Allowable Uses in Zoning District" page 28 dictates that if no symbol appears at the intersection of a column and row, the use is not allowed in the zoning district. Let me also refer you to page 31 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008 where it clearly indicates with a "no symbol" that a warehouse and general wholesaling is not allowed in this property. Please return to Section 512 Village Residential (VR) Zoning District and I quote: "Purpose: the purpose of this district is to promote a residential community environment that is quiet, safe, and family and pedestrian-friendly. Item b) says allowable uses, go to section 404 where it says that warehouses and wholesalers are not permitted without the required symbol.

This company that's applying for rezoning sells fertilizers. Health risks of fertilizers:

Heavy metals: A wide variety of unsafe metals exist in fertilizers including arsenic, lead, mercury, nickel, uranium, boron, cadmium, iron, copper, aluminum and zinc.

Human health hazards: According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, these metals are known to be toxic to humans

contributing to cancer, developmental effects, birth defects, reproductive problems, and liver and kidney damage. Children are even more susceptible to the toxic effects of fertilizers.

Commercial fertilizers: Some commercial fertilizers are made from recycled hazardous waste materials, including highly toxic metals and chemicals produced for public use. These metals are suspected carcinogens and blood toxicants.

Environmental concerns: Heavy metals are a common cause of waterway pollution if not handled carefully.

I hope that Mr. Christopher A. Torres and Mr. Mando A. Guban can further elaborate and discuss these chemical hazards at the public hearing, with their certifications if available.

The neighborhood residents have said and to continue to say no to rezoning of this property to general business/commercial. The entire proposal, including all environmental issues, needs to be looked at comprehensively through clear eyes, not through prism of dollar signs

and the developer's and landowner's spin. If this request for rezoning is approved come April 7, 2011, it will open the door to further development, transforming the entire segment of this site into a commercial corridor. It will change forever the general character and context of this critical yet quiet village and will inevitably affect all other villages on Saipan. Insurmountable traffic issues will endanger the safety and lives of all persons living or traveling through the area. Commercial development does not belong in this area. No matter how they try to finesse it, every man, woman, and child either living in this area or just simply traveling through it will have their safety jeopardized.

In conclusion, it is simply the wrong project in the wrong location. So as a member of this small island community, I again ask all the four members of the Zoning board to vote no on the request to rezone this site.

Ray Bermudes

Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

Casi'NO'!

With all due respect governor and lawmakers, the government is not the conscience of the CNMI people. How many rejections does it take to paint a clear picture that the CNMI people don't want a casino on island? I think we have enough poker shops on island destroying families, thank you very much.

As I said before, why can't we instead have investors build a shopping mall? The CNMI generates revenue from the biggest moneymaking market, which is tourism. They come in packs ready to scuba dive, shop, sightsee, etc. Can you not see that some of the places they go to sightsee and scuba dive have craters on the roads

much worse than the craters on the moon! Realistically, how many tourists will play in a casino and leave their children locked away in their hotel rooms. We are placing bets on a game that can't be won. This type of gaming activity is not family-oriented in any form.

We need a shopping mall and the whole works, equipped with lots of games and activities for all ages. Mini-golf games, archery, water exercises for the elderly, or even a skating rink, etc. This will entice our local population to come over and have something to do since nightlife on the islands is not exciting. The world does not call Saipan "Little Tokyo" for nothing. Let's live up to that name.

Vince G. Cabrera Chalan Piao, Saipan **12** THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



Partly sunny with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Melbourne	Sunny	▲ 76	₹59
Miami	Mostly Sunny	≜ 82	₹70
New York	Showers	▲ 56	₹43
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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA Fr	equency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
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Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
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FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone ■ Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

(6397), 235-2440, fax 235,3740. E-mail: editor@saipantribune.com. Website:www.saipantribune.com.

Navy, Coast Guard rescue three fishermen off Saipan

GUAM—U.S. Coast Guard Department of Public Safety. Sector Guam search and rescue watchstanders were notified by the CNMI Emergency Management Office on Wednesday about a "Mayday" call received about 8am. The watchstanders then received an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon signal coming from the vessel San Antonio, reported approximately 65 nautical miles off the northern tip of Saipan.

Sector Guam sent the Coast Guard cutter Assateague, a 110-foot patrol boat homeported in Apra Harbor, Guam, and a crew from the U.S. Navy Helicopter from Sea Combat Squadron 25, stationed at Andersen Air Force Base, to respond to the vessel in distress.

HSC-25 launched at about 9am and located the disabled San Antonio just after 11am. Fighting strong wind gusts, the aircrew hoisted all three crewmembers and returned them safely to Saipan before 1pm. The survivors had no injuries and were released to the Saipan

USFWS, NOAA begin planning for Monument

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration announced yesterday that the agencies are beginning the process of establishing a management plan for parts of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument. Public comment and suggestions are being sought on the scope of issues that should be included in the planning.

"This is a small, but important step forward in developing the full potential of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument," said CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan. "The people of the Northern Mariana Islands were supportive of establishment of the Monument and expect its development could have a positive economic and environmental affect. I am sure that the public will be fully engaged in this process at every step of the way."

Sablan is Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, which has jurisdiction over the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA.

The federal agencies also plan an environmental assessment that will look at the impact of various management alternatives.

Additional information is available at:

- http://www.fws.gov/marianastrenchmarinemonument/, and
- http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/

MNM/mnm index.html Comments are due by May 5, 2011, and should be sent to Heidi Hirsh, natural resource management specialist, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814. E-mail: Heidi.Hirsh@ noaa.gov. (PR)

The crew of the San Antonio, a 42-foot U.S.-flagged, whitehulled fishing vessel, registered

heading toward Zealandia Bank, a fishing ground. The fishing vessel was anchored and unable

wind and seas in the area began to increase significantly. A small craft advisory had been issued

through Wednesday afternoon.

Mariners are asked to make early contact with emergency

on Saipan, was on a fishing trip, to start their engines when the on Tuesday and was in effect officials and report all marine emergencies to the Coast Guard Sector Guam Command Center at 671-564-USCG. (USCG)



COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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Civil Action No. 05-0303C

NOTICE OF AUCTION

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELEOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff. ANTONIO A. ARRIOLA, MARIA M. ARRIOLA, JOSEPH A. ARRIOLA, A-FAMILIA INC., and U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, Defendants.

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, herein referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendant Antonio A. Arriola in the following described improved, real property situated in Garapan, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Land situated in Garapan, Annex II, Saipan Municipality, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, more particularly described as Lot No. 003 D 08 (formerly Block 1 Lot 8) as shown on the Division of Land Survey Official Cadastral Plat Number 003 D 00, dated February 25, 1971, and containing an area of 1002.12 square meters, including all existing improvements on the real estate, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00pm on Friday, April 15, 2011, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

- Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.
- Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
 - To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
- Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
- Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
- 6. <u>Change of Terms.</u> Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Antonio A. Arriola in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property of its title will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 10th day of March 2011.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner Department of Public Safety



ANTONIO ARRIOLA LOT NO. 003 D 08

COMMONWEALTH DEVELEOPMENT AUTHORITY, Civil Action No. 05-0238 **NOTICE OF AUCTION** EDWARD U. MARATITA and ROSA C. MARATITA, Defendants.

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, herein referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Edward U. Maratita and Rosa C. Maratita in the following described, real property situated in Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Tract No. 22178, situated in Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 25,000 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Survey Plat Number 3017/86, dated June 26, 1986, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

Lot No. 007 R 34, situated in Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 928 square meters, more or less, as described on Drawing Cadastral Plat No. 1294, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00pm on Friday, April 15, 2011, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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Dated this 10th day of March 2011.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner Department of Public Safety



EDWARD MARATITA TRACT NO. 22178 I-CHENCHON, ROTA



EDWARD MARATITA LOT NO. 007 R 34 SONGSONG, ROTA

ADVERTISING FEATURE

New Friday lunch, everyday dinner buffets at PIC's Magellan

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Going to the Pacific Islands Club's Magellan Restaurant

is always an event. On a small island where buffets are on just about every corner, its offerings are the stuff of gastronomic legend.

That's because Magellan's lunch buffet menu features not only flavorful dishes but also sundry fares that are skillfully prepared by its team of culinary experts.

After recently coming up with its "Flavors Around Asia" theme every Tuesday, Magellan's highly competent staff led by executive chef Habib Akbar has introduced exciting new features for its Friday buffet.

Since April 1, Magellan's lunch buffet now includes

burger, pizza, and pasta stations.

"As I prom-

ised when I joined the PIC team, I would introduce different style of cooking and new items for our menu so that our guess will have lots of choices," Akbar told Saipan Tribune.

Their burgers feature beef, fish, chicken, and vegetable patties that are guaranteed fresh and home-made-including the buns—and are served with tasty fries.

Pasta dishes, a regular buffet treat, will now be served in a live station, with diners feasting on their favorite tomato marinara or white cream sauce pasta while it's cooked right before their eyes.

"There was a big demand for our live pasta station, which used to be offered on Sundays, because it's different when it's prepared right in front of you. Now, guests can have them every Friday. It's an excellent match for our burgers and pizza," said Akbar.

The pizza comes in only one flavor: a delicious vegetable pizza made of home-made crust



Executive chef Habib Akbar of Pacific Islands Club prepares a hamburger made out of fresh and homemade ingredients.



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Cook Chuzi Rios serves on the carving station serving Roasted Pig on a Saturday night.

topped with generous servings of tomato sauce, cheese, bell pepper, mushroom, black olives, and red onion.

"A lot of people are now getting more and more health conscious. Everybody is watching what they eat these days. We took that into consideration when we came up with our vegetable pizza," said Akbar.

These well-loved classics, Akbar noted, are in addition to their array of sumptuous and popular hot and cold dishes.

Lunch buffet is well within your means at \$23 per adult and \$11.50 for children. A 20-percent local discount applies.

Dinner themes

Restaurant patrons who miss

the lunch buffet have a great excuse to try Magellan's themed dinner buffets, which started on March 21

"We now have a distinctive theme each night for our dinner buffet so guests can enjoy different cuisines throughout the week," said Akbar.

The themed dinner buffets will also allow residents and



tourists to celebrate any occasion at Magellan and spread out the volume of diners that enjoy their Sunday lunch buffet.

On Mondays, the Chinese/ Mongolian theme will feature Far Eastern fare like Poached Chicken with Ginger Onion Sauce, Roasted Ham Leg with Raisin Pineapple Sauce, Mongolian Pork with Gravy, and Yang Chow Fried Rice.

Enjoy Korean BBQ Nights every Tuesday, with a live barbecue station that offers a handful of Kalbi Kui and Korean Marinated Pork, with other scrumptious Korean dishes like Spicy Octopus, Beer Braised Beef Knuckles, and Chap-chae Noodle with Beef and Vegetables.

Wednesdays are Chinese/ Russian nights so guests can indulge in Russian Borsch, Chinese-style Crispy Fried Noodles, and Beef Stroganoff.

Indian/Mexican dishes like call 237-5132.

the Lentil Soup and Curry, Fajitas, Chicken Makhani. and Ouesadillas.

Friday night is Seafood Night, and Magellan has an extensive selection of seafood dishes like Seafood Paella, Grilled Fish Fillet with Lemon Butter Sauce, and a live teppanyaki style seafood station.

Relish Japanese/Chamorro fares like Japanese style curry, Island Chicken BBQ, and the popular Chamorro Bistek on Saturday nights.

Cap the week by savoring flavors "Around the World" on Sunday night, with its live barbecue station.

The dinner buffet is \$33 per adult and \$16.50 per child. A 20-percent local discount applies.

"Come over to PIC and enjoy our array of good food that you won't find anywhere else," said Akbar.

All major cards are accepted. On Thursdays, it's all about For information or reservations,

\$1.1M awarded to support public health needs in Guam

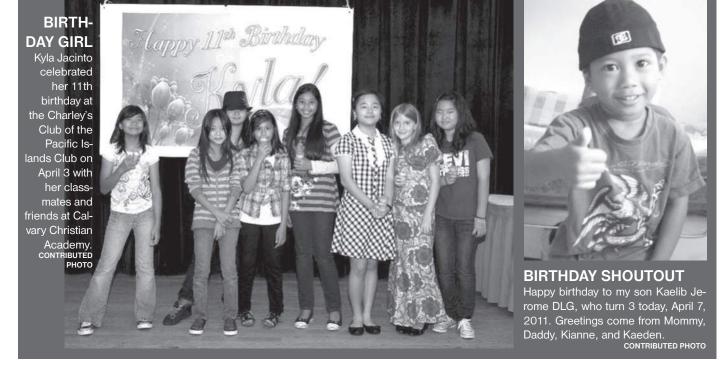
WASHINGTON, Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. and Health Promotion awarded Bordallo has announced the release of \$1.1 million in federal grant assistance to the government of Guam.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services awarded \$1 million to Guam to review health insurance premiums on the island. The funds were awarded through the "Grants to States for Health Insurance Premiums Review-Cycle I" program, which was authorized and funded by section 2794 of the Affordable Care Act. Funds will be provided to help Guam improve its health insurance rate review and reporting process.

The National Center for

D.C.— Chronic Disease Prevention \$109,273 to the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services for preventive health services. The block grant can be used to develop programs that address unique public health needs and challenges on Guam.

"These grants demonstrate the continued investment President Obama's administration is making in our nation's health care system," said Bordallo. "They will assist GovGuam in better assessing the need and rationale for rate increases on our island and will help Public Health better serve our community." **(PR)**



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Business

Boeing didn't expect 737 cracks so soon

PHOENIX (AP)—Boeing engineers figured the joints holding the skin in place on their older 737 jetliners would begin to wear, but only as the planes neared retirement. They never expected it to happen in middle age.

Caught off guard when a piece of the fuselage on a Southwest Airlines jet peeled away as it flew over Arizona last week, they are rushing to create inspection and repair instructions for hundreds of similar planes in service worldwide.

Federal aviation officials issued an emergency order Tuesday that requires inspections of certain types of 737s.

Southwest, which operates nearly all of the U.S.-registered 737s requiring urgent inspections, inspected its planes and found five with the same types of cracks suspected of causing the 5-foot-long hole to open on Flight 812 last Friday.

While those planes are being repaired, the rest are again heading into the skies.

The failure raised concerns about the adequacy of safety inspections that failed to catch the problem even though nearly two dozen other instances of metal fatigue were spotted during an inspection of the Southwest plane a year earlier.

And it also focused attention on the specific 737 model. That model was redesigned after similar joint problems caused a huge section of the roof of an Aloha Airlines jet to break off in 1988. A flight attendant was sucked out and fell to her death.

"We want to understand why we saw the extent of tearing on the aircraft and this size of a rupture so that we can prevent it from happening again," National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Deborah Hersman told reporters Tuesday.

Hersman added that the NTSB will also investigate how often inspections are done and whether the schedule is appropriate.

Boeing never expected failures in the riveted skin joints running along the top of the 737-300, 737-400 and 737-500 models until the planes were much older, said Paul Richter, Boeing's top engineer for older 737s.

Richter said Boeing also didn't anticipate the need to inspect for cracking on the redesigned lap joints—where two pieces of the fuselage skin overlap—until it had reached 60,000 pressurization cycles, the number of takeoffs and landings.

And it certainly didn't expect such a dramatic failure, he said.

The Southwest jet, which made an emergency landing in Yuma, Ariz., had about 39,000 cycles and was 15 years old. Pressurizing and depressurizing the cabin can weaken the aluminum skin and cause cracking.

"It's regrettable that we had to accelerate our plans to recommend inspections based on an event of this nature," Richter said during a conference call.

Revenue for native Hawaiian- and Pacific islander-owned businesses rise 52 percent

The number of native Hawaiian- and other Pacific islanderowned businesses increased 31.1 percent between 2002 and 2007, to 37,957 businesses, the U.S. Census Bureau announced.

These businesses generated \$6.5 billion in receipts in 2007, a 51.6-percent increase from 2002. In contrast, the total number of U.S. businesses increased 17.9 percent between 2002 and 2007; total business receipts rose 32.9 percent.

These new data come from the Survey of Business Owners: Native Hawaiian- and Other Pacific Islander-Owned Businesses: 2007.

The survey provides detailed information every five years for Native Hawaiianother Pacific islanderowned businesses, including the number of firms, sales and receipts, number of paid employees and annual payroll.

Data are presented by geographic area (nation, state, county, city and metro area), industry and size of business. Preliminary national and state data were released in July 2010.

"This important look at the economic activity of native Hawaiian- and other Pacific Islander-owned businesses is the only comprehensive and regularly collected data on this group," said Tom Mesenbourg, deputy director of the Census Bureau. "These data confirm that businesses owned by native Hawaiians and other Pacific islanders continue to grow both in number and in sales at rates that are faster than national rates for all businesses."

People of native Hawaiian origin owned 55.6 percent of all native Hawaiian- and Other Pacific islander-owned businesses in 2007. Guamanian- or Chamorro-owned businesses accounted for 9.6 percent, Samoan-owned businesses for 8.0 percent, and businesses owned by people of other Pacific islander descent, for 24.6 percent.

States with the highest number of native Hawaiian- and other Pacific islander-owned businesses were Hawaii, with 11,383 (30.0 percent of all native Hawaiian- and Pacific islanderowned businesses nationwide), and California, with 9,255 (24.4 percent). (US Census)

BUSINESS BRIEFS

ADB forecasts solid growth for Asia in 2011, 2012

HONG KONG (AP)—Asia's economic growth will ease to just under 8 percent for the next two years as the region continues a solid recovery, the Asian Development Bank said Wednesday, while warning that rising food prices threaten to send more people into poverty. The Manila-based lender said the region's economic recovery is still firm even though those growth rates are lower than the 9 percent expansion in 2010, when an exceptionally strong rebound from the global financial crisis took place. The region in the bank's annual economic report—45 developing or newly industrializing Asian economies, excluding Japan—is forecast to grow 7.8 percent in 2011 and 7.7 percent in 2012.

Company planning biggest rocket since man on moon

WASHINGTON (AP)—A high-tech entrepreneur unveiled plans Tuesday to launch the world's most powerful rocket since man went to

the moon. Space Exploration Technology has already sent the first private rocket and capsule into Earth's orbit as a commercial venture. It is now planning a rocket that could lift twice as much cargo into orbit as the soon-to-be-retired space shuttle. The first launch is slotted for 2013 from California with follow-up launches from Cape Canaveral in Florida.

Oil-spill execs giving up safety bonuses

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Executives at the offshore drilling contractor at the center of last year's Gulf of Mexico oil spill are donating bonuses they got for the company's safety record last year. The decision announced Tuesday comes just days after Transocean Ltd. disclosed the bonuses deep in a regulatory filing, triggering intense criticism. Transocean justified the bonuses by calling 2010 an "exemplary" year for safety—despite the explosion on its rig that killed 11 people and spilled 200 million gallons of oil.

Nation

Obama presses Congress to avoid shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP)—Prodded by an insistent President Barack Obama, Congress' top two lawmakers sought to reinvigorate compromise talks Tuesday aimed at cutting tens of billions in federal spending and averting a partial government shutdown Friday at midnight.

There was at least a hint of flexibility, accompanied by sharply partisan attacks and an outburst of shutdown brinksmanship. According to Democrats, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, suggested at

Parks,

a White House meeting that fellow Republicans might be able to accept a deal with \$40 billion in cuts. That's more than negotiators had been eyeing but less than the House seeks.

The speaker's office declined comment, and Boehner issued a statement saying, "We can still avoid a shutdown, but Democrats are going to need to get serious about cutting spending—and soon."

For his part, Senate Majority leader Harry Reid sounded an accusatory note. "I hope the Republicans do what the country needs, not what they believe the tea party wants,' he said at the Capitol

"I mean, it seems that every step we take, it's something just to poke us in the eye," he said.

Boehner and Reid met privately later in the day. While there was no indication of substantive progress, there was a marked change in tone afterwards.

Spokesmen for the two issued identical statements, shorn of partisan bickering, saying the two leaders "had a productive discussion. They agreed to continue working on a budget solution."

Obama stepped forcefully into the dispute, at times sounding like an exasperated parent.

He convened a meeting at the White House with the chief congressional antagonists, rejected a Republican proposal for an interim bill with sharp cuts and then announced Boehner and Reid would meet later in the day.

If they can't sort out their differences, he said, "I want them back here tomorrow."

And if that doesn't work, he added, "we'll invite them again the day after that. And I will have my entire team available to work through the details of getting a deal done."

Obama, eager to regain the confidence of independent voters as he seeks a new term, said the American public expects that its leaders "act like grownups, and when we are in negotiations like this, that everybody gives a little bit, compromises a little bit in order to do the people's business."



368 National Park Service sites closed (loss

- Toxic waste clean-up at 609 sites stopped; 2,400 Superfund workers sent
- · No new patients accepted for clinical research at National Institutes

Source: Congressional Research Service

ACROSS THE NATION

Storms fell trees, crush homes in South, killing 9

JACKSON, Ga. (AP)—An enormous tree limb that crashed through a Georgia family's bedroom killed a father and the young son he was holding in his arms Tuesday as a fast-moving storm system pounded the South with tornadoes, hail and spectacular lightning. At least nine people were killed around the region, including several who died on roads made treacherous by downed trees and power lines. Paramedics found the 4-year-old boy, Alix Bonhomme III, wrapped in the arms of his father, Alix Bonhomme Jr., in a sight so wrenching that even grizzled rescuers wept. Miraculously, a younger son in the bedroom wasn't hurt, nor was Bonhomme's fiancee, Marcie Moorer, who was sleeping in another room. Moorer, who was still in pajamas hours later, said she still couldn't fathom what happened when the storm rumbled through Jackson, a town about 45 miles south of Atlanta. Her 3-year-old son Iysic rode his tricycle around a

Grim Sleeper serial killer may have 8 more victims

relative's front yard as she looked on.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles detectives said Tuesday they believe the suspect in the "Grim Sleeper" serial killings could be re-

sponsible for up to eight additional murders, but say the likelihood is strongest for three women whose photos were found in a secret stash in a refrigerator. Police asked for the public's help in locating the three women and displayed their photos at a news conference, along with four others whose families reported them missing in the neighborhood where suspect Lonnie Franklin Jr. lived. "Obviously, we hope for the best, but the circumstances are gloomy," said Detective Dennis Kilcoyne, who heads a taskforce dedicated to the serial murders. "These women have not been seen in a long, long time."

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Mass. mom pleads not guilty in son's hibachi death

QUINCY, Mass. (AP)—A Massachusetts woman has pleaded not guilty to charges that she drugged her 8-vear-old son and killed him while trying to commit suicide by lighting a hibachi grill inside a bedroom in their apartment. Li Rong Zhang entered the plea through an interpreter during her first formal court appearance Tuesday. A judge ordered the 39-year-old woman to remain in custody until her Aug. 18 pretrial hearing. Li was arrested in January, a day after her 16-year-old son found her and another son, Brandon Young, unconscious in their home in Quincy, south of Boston.

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Asia

Japan nuclear plant plugs highly radioactive leak

TOKYO (AP)—Workers at Japan's tsunami-damaged nuclear power plant on Wednesday finally stemmed a tide of radiation that was pouring into the Pacific and exacerbating concerns over the safety of seafood.

High levels of contamination have been measured at the shoreline of the Fukushima Dai-ichi complex in recent days, prompting the government to set limits for the first time on the amount of radiation permitted in fish.

While officials have said the crack in a maintenance pit plugged early Wednesday was the only one found, they have not explicitly ruled out that radioactive water is leaking into the sea from another point.

Authorities insisted the radioactive water would dissipate and posed no immediate threat to sea creatures or people who might eat them. Most experts agreed.

Still, Japanese officials adopted the new standards as a precaution. And the mere suggestion that seafood from the country that gave the world sushi could be at any risk stirred

worries throughout the fishing industry.

"Even if the government says the fish is safe, people won't want to buy seafood from Fukushima," says Ichiro Yamagata, a fisherman who lived in the shadow of the power plant. "We probably can't fish there for several years."

Fukushima is not a major fishing region, and no fishing is allowed in the direct vicinity of the plant. But experts estimate the coastal areas hit by the massive wave last month account for about a fifth of Japan's annual catch.

Radiation concerns in the area intensified after the discovery over the weekend of the crack, which photos showed water pouring out of and splashing into the sea.

Since then, workers have raced to find a way to seal it, pouring in concrete and injecting a mixture of polymer, sawdust and shredded newspaper. Both failed.

But on Wednesday morning, Tokyo Electric Power Co. spokesman Naoki Tsunoda said the injection of 400 gallons (1,500 liters) of "water glass," or sodium silicate, and another agent near a seaside pit appeared to be successful.

It was a rare bit of good news for the utility that owns the crippled nuclear plant, located about 140 miles (220 kilometers) northeast of Tokyo. But highly contaminated water continues to pool around the complex. Tsunoda said officials were investigating whether the contaminated water is leaking from other places.

The new limits on radioactivity in fish were imposed after TEPCO announced water tested near the plant Saturday contained levels of radioactive iodine 7.5 million times the legal limit. That level had dropped to 5 million two days later.

Japan said some fish caught last week about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from the plant would have exceeded the new safety limits, which may change as circumstances do.

Fears of radiation contamination prompted India to announce Tuesday that it was halting food imports from Japan.

Ivory Coast strongman says he's not stepping down

World



Soldiers loyal to Alassane Ouattara man a checkpoint at one of the principal entrances to Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP)—

Ivory Coast's strongman leader Laurent Gbagbo holed up in a bunker inside the presidential residence Tuesday, defiantly maintaining he won the election four months ago even as troops backing the internationally recognized winner encircled the home.

Gbagbo's comments by telephone to France's LCI television came as French officials and a diplomat said he was negotiating his departure terms after French and U.N. forces launched a military offensive Monday. Democratically elected leader Alassane Ouattara has urged his supporters to take Gbagbo alive.

Talks about Gbagbo's departure terms were ongoing Tuesday evening directly between Gbagbo and Ouattara, according to a diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly.

Choi Young-jin, the U.N.'s top envoy in Ivory Coast, said Tuesday that Gbagbo was in discussions about where he would go, possibly suggesting the strongman may be willing to consider stepping down after more than a decade in power.

When asked by The Associated Press Television News if he was confident that Gbagbo has decided to leave, Choi said:

'Yes, because as far as I know the key elements they are negotiating is where Mr. Gbagbo would go."

"Mr. Gbagbo has signaled for the first time since the crisis, he will accept the will of the people, the results of the election," Choi said.

France's foreign minister said Gbagbo would be required to relinquish power in writing after a decade as president, and must formally recognize Ouattara, the internationally backed winner of the November election that plunged the West African nation into chaos.

Armed tribesmen in Philippines free 12 hostages

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— Armed tribesmen Wednesday released 12 hostages they had been holding for six days in a jungle hide-out in the southern Philippines to demand the release of jailed relatives, police said.

Most of the hostages were grade school teachers who were seized by five Manobo tribesmen last Friday in a remote southern town in Agusan del Sur province on Mindanao Island.

The hostage-takers were demanding the release of tribal leader Jobert "Ondo" Perez, who was jailed with three other tribesmen for taking 79 people captive in the same place in 2009 over a longrunning clan feud.

Perez was temporarily released earlier in the week to help end the standoff, and officials promised the gunmen they'd speed up the resolution of his case.

Police operations officer Joel

Dolon Mendez said the gunmen abandoned the captives-11 teachers and a 10-year-old girl—early Wednesday and then escaped. "The hostages walked to a safe area and were secured

by our forces," he told The As-

sociated Press by phone. The hostages "all looked OK," said regional police chief Reynaldo Rafal. "They're haggard-looking, but they're all OK. I know one child was sick,

The five hostage-takers fled and police were pursuing them, Mendez said.

but the child is OK."

The freed hostages were undergoing a medical checkup and debriefing, police said.

Last August, the hostage-taking of a busload of Hong Kong tourists in Manila ended in disaster with the death of eight of the captives. The kidnapper—a dismissed policeman who wanted his job back—was shot to

death by police commandos.

In the southern Philippines, clan feuds, fueled by weak law enforcement in remote regions awash with illegal firearms, have often erupted into deadly clashes and ransom kidnappings. The violence underscores the complexity of security problems in the south, where troops have been battling Muslim and communist insurgents, along with al-Qaidalinked militants, for years.

In 2009, Jobert Perez and three others avoided arrest on murder charges and held 79 people hostage for four days. The hostages were freed after intervention by Manobo tribal elders, but Perez and his relatives were arrested, angering other clan members.

Rafal said the latest hostage crisis was prompted by the same clan feud involving Perez's family that caused the 2009 ordeal—a conflict over land that passes through a logging route.

Libyan rebel leader says NATO isn't doing enough

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)—A rebel military leader lashed out at NATO Tuesday, saying it was falling short in its mission to protect Libyan civilians. The alliance said ruler Moammar Gadhafi's forces position heavy weapons in populated areas, preventing some airstrikes.

Abdel-Fattah Younis, chief of staff for the rebel military and Gadhafi's former interior minister, said he was asking the opposition's leadership council to take their grievances to the U.N. Security Council, which authorized force in Libya to stop government troops from wiping out the anti-Gadhafi uprising that began Feb. 15.

NATO forces "don't do anything" even though the United Nations gave them the right to act, Younis said. He said bureaucracy means that NATO strikes sometimes come eight hours after rebels' have communicated targets.

"The people will die and this crime will be on the face of the international community forever. What is NATO doing?" Younis said.

NATO last week took control over the international airstrikes that began March 19 as a U.S.-led mission. The airstrikes thwarted Gadhafi's efforts to crush the rebellion in the North African nation he has ruled for more than four decades, but the rebels remain outnumbered and outgunned and have had difficulty pushing into government-held territory even with air support.

The government pushed back rebel forces in a strategic oil town to the east Tuesday, while rebels claimed they fended off an attack by Gadhafi's forces in one of a string of opposition-controlled towns southwest of Tripoli, the capital. The rebels have maintained control of much of the eastern half of Libya since early in the uprising, while Gadhafi has clung to much of the west.

ASIAN BRIEFS

China dismisses int'l concerns over missing artist

BEIJING (AP)—An editorial in a state-run Chinese newspaper has brushed off international concerns over the fate of Ai Weiwei, a prominent artist and activist who disappeared after being stopped by authorities at a Beijing airport four days ago. The Global Times newspaper on Wednesday called Ai a maverick who likes to engage in "legally ambiguous activities" and do things ordinary people wouldn't dare to try. It said Chinese law "won't bend to mavericks."

Filipino rebels, UN to talk on child soldiers

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines' largest Muslim rebel group acknowledged Tuesday that its ranks include child soldiers and said its leaders would meet with United Nations representatives for talks on how to wean the youths from war. The Moro Islamic Liberation Front said it has no official policy to recruit children, who it said only constitute a small part of the guerrilla force that has been waging a bloody rebellion in the country's south.

Climbers launch expedition to clear Everest trash

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—A team of mountaineers led by a veteran Sherpa guide flew Wednesday to Mount Everest on an expedition to clear away tons of trash left on the world's highest peak. Since Everest was first conquered in 1953, thousands of people have climbed it, leaving behind the empty oxygen bottles, ropes, tents and other garbage that made their journey possible. Nepal's government has since imposed regulations that require climbers to bring down everything they take up the mountain or lose their deposit, but the slopes are still littered with debris from past climbs.

Haiti pins its hopes on a pop-star president

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Haiti's pop-star-turnedpresident-elect donned a conservative gray suit Tuesday for his first news conference since his upset victory as Haitians wondered how this charismatic musician with a bad-boy past would govern the country in crisis.

As he did on the campaign trail, 50-year-old Michel "Sweet Micky" Martelly avoided any specifics about how he would lead, but appeared as far as possible from his outrageous stage persona as he spoke of reconciliation with political opponents and improving the lives of people in the most desperate, starcrossed nation in the Western Hemisphere.

"I would like to say first that I have always had the desire to change my country," Martelly said. "I have a passion to change my country."

Many Haitians are wondering just what sort of change Martelly will bring to a country that is confronting problems on many fronts, including the stalled reconstruction from the January 2010 earthquake, a cholera outbreak, hundreds of thousands of homeless and more than half the population unemployed.

Asked during an interview about his priorities for his first three months in office, Martelly, who has never held office, dodged the question like a seasoned politician: "Our common sense tells us that in the 100-day period, we will barely have the time to build a small house."

Pressed for more, he did it again: "We are not going into specifics at this time," he said, citing a need to "surprise" people.

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Focus

WASHINGTON—In February 2006, with roadside bombs killing more and more American soldiers in Iraq, the Pentagon created an agency to defeat the deadly threat and tasked a retired four-star general to run it.

Five years later, the agency has ballooned into a 1,900-employee behemoth and has spent nearly \$17 billion on hundreds of initiatives. Yet the technologies it's developed have failed to significantly improve U.S. soldiers' ability to detect unexploded roadside bombs and have never been able to find them at long distances. Indeed, the best detectors remain the low-tech methods: trained dogs, local handlers and soldiers themselves.

A review by the Center for Public Integrity and McClatchy Newspapers of government reports and interviews with auditors, investigators and congressional staffers show that the agency—the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization—also violated its own accounting rules and hasn't properly evaluated its initiatives to keep mistakes from being repeated.

Meanwhile, roadside bombs remain the single worst killer of soldiers as more U.S. forces have been transferred out of Iraq and into Afghanistan. Known in military parlance as improvised explosive devices, the crude, often-homemade bombs killed 368 coalition troops in Afghanistan last year, by far the highest annual total since 2001, when the U.S.-led war there began, according to icasualties. org, which tracks military casualties in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

Among the serious questions about how well JIEDDO has spent its billions:

- The agency failed to collect data on its projects, leading a congressional investigative subcommittee to conclude in 2008: "The nation does not yet know if JIEDDO is winning the (counter-IED) fight."
- Some of its spending went to programs that had little to do with its core mission, including \$400 million for Army force protection in 2010 and \$24.6 million to hire private contractors for intelligence operations in Afghanistan.
- Agency officials misreported some \$795 million in costs, the Government Accountability Office said, circumventing its own rules requiring high-level Defense Department approval for projects with price tags greater than \$25 million.
- JIEDDO's staff comprises six contractors for every government employee, a ratio that its outgoing director acknowledged needs to be reduced.
- While the agency was mandated to "lead, advocate (and) coordinate" antiroadside bomb initiatives, more than 100 groups and initiatives inside and outside the Defense Department continue "to develop, maintain and in many cases expand" their own work, the GAO found.

Rep. Duncan D. Hunter, R-Calif., a former Marine and an Iraq and Afghanistan veteran, said the Pentagon and its anti-IED agencies, including JIEDDO, could do far better in preventing casualties from roadside bombs.

"So as long as the IED metric keeps going up, and as long as we keep taking the majority of our KIA (killed in action) casualties from IEDs, then they've all been unsuccessful. Period," he said.

One U.S. soldier who was based in Baghdad in 2008 said: "We were out there every day. We studied our destroyed vehicles, and (the enemy's IED tactics) kept changing. So we kept trying

Pentagon spends billions to fight roadside bombs, with little success

By PETER CARY and NANCY A. YOUSSEF



Fort Worth Star Telegram photographer Tom Pennington and McClatchy Washington Bureau correspondent Jonathan Landay during their embed in Afghanistan with the Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment from the 4th Brigade of the 10th Mountain Division, based in Fort Polk, Louisiana, early September 2006.

new ideas, anything, to stop them. JIED-DO didn't help us." The soldier declined to be identified because of the sensitivity of the matter.

Lt. Gen. Michael Oates, who recently stepped down as the agency's director, acknowledged missteps but said they were inevitable because the agency was tasked with producing devices quickly.

"We fund things," said Oates, who was the agency's third director in five years. "Sometimes we fund things that don't work. Some call that waste; I call it risk."

One of the things that apparently didn't work was the Joint IED Neutralizer, created in 2002 by an Arizona start-up called Ionatron. Looking like a pair of boxy golf carts, the JIN fired ultra-short pulse lasers followed by a halfmillion-volt lightning bolt of electricity, and its makers said it could detonate the blasting caps that triggered IEDs from well outside blast range.

In 2005, then-Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz authorized \$30 million for the JIN

despite skepticism from scientists, who said damp ground or dust would render the device useless. During test runs in Afghanistan in 2006, the JIN was disappointing: It had trouble climbing steep mountain terrain and experienced safety problems, continuing to shoot lightning bolts after its switch was turned off.

After the JIN received some publicity, an insurgent website published ways to defeat it. The test vehicles were shipped back to the United States.

In mid-2006, shareholders filed two class-action suits against the JIN's makers, alleging that the firm had concealed the fact that the vehicle wasn't capable of meeting government specifications. The company, which had changed its name to Applied Energetics Inc., denied the claims but settled the suit in September 2009 by paying \$5.3 million in cash and another \$1.2 million in stock to the complaining shareholders. The firm didn't respond to repeated requests for comment.

Still, the project wouldn't die. With a \$400,000 earmark from Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., and \$1.5 million more

The devices JIEDDO designed to detect roadside bombs at a distance didn't work out, Goure said. They included airplane- or drone-based radars, long-range radars to sniff out buried control wires, and detectors to sense explosive ingredients such as ammonium nitrate fertilizer.

Other projects that were started but abandoned include: Alexis and Electra-C, which emitted waves to detonate IEDs but interfered with jammers; an unmanned Humvee called Forerunner that soldiers said "induced operator vertigo"

and was hard to control, according to a JIEDDO report; and a high-powered microwave emitter called BlowTorch that was designed to defeat heat-triggered IEDs but which insurgents figured out how to overcome.

"We were throwing new technologies into this like fast-food orders at a diner," Goure said.

JIEDDO officials said the agency quickly terminated programs that weren't promising. But the GAO and some congressional staffers coun-

tered that the agency has never been good at choosing or steering its projects.

"It's been a weakness from the beginning. They don't have good controls over start-ups," said Bill Solis, the director of defense capabilities and management at the GAO, which has authored several studies on the agency.

JIEDDO spent more than \$3 billion on jammers to thwart radio-controlled IEDs, which most say was a good idea. It bought mine rollers to attach to the fronts of vehicles. However, critics note that what many consider the most suc-

cessful anti-roadside bomb program was only marginally funded by JIEDDO: the Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle, now operating mainly in Afghanistan. While JIEDDO purchased the first 250 MRAPs, designed to withstand roadside bombs, it was a separate MRAP task force that bought more than 22,000 of them for \$36 billion.

Oates, the agency's former director, has said the "greatest return on the dollar" has been training soldiers to detect and respond to roadside bomb attacks.

The GAO noted that the agency spent \$70.7 million from 2007 to 2009 on "role-players in an effort to simulate Iraqi social, political and religious groups" at Pentagon training centers.

At one training site, the agency spent \$24.1 million to make steel shipping containers resemble Iraqi buildings.

"I just couldn't believe it," said a former congressional staffer, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity because of a lack of authority to speak

The agency's new director, Lt. Gen Michael Barbero, took over earlier this month fresh off a tour in Iraq. Among his tasks will be collecting data on what works and what doesn't, and improving relations with Congress, which had complained in the past about a lack of information to evaluate the agency's performance.

In debate over the 2010 Pentagon budget, for instance, the House Armed Services Committee threatened to withhold half the agency's money "until the committee is provided JIEDDO's detailed budget and program information."

Few in Congress wanted to be seen giving short shrift to the fight against roadside bombs, however. Year after year, the agency has received the federal funding it requested, to the tune of \$20.8 billion over six years.

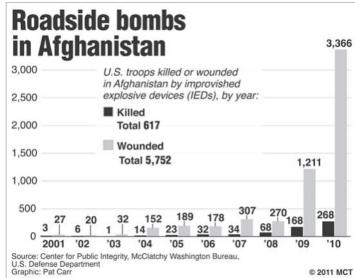
Roadside bomb attacks continue to increase in Afghanistan, averaging roughly 1,500 per month at the end of last year. The number of U.S. troops wounded by IEDs skyrocketed to 3,366 in 2010, compared with 2,386 during the previous nine years combined, according to data JIEDDO collected.

Despite years of effort, soldiers have long had only a 50-50 success rate in detecting bombs before they explode. That ticked up to 60 percent in Afghanistan in recent months, Oates said-thanks largely to better local intelligence and aerial surveillance as well as on-theground technology—but it's too soon to tell whether this marks a long-term trend.

The agency's future is unclear. While some of Oates' predecessors argued that the agency should be a permanent part of the Pentagon because the fight against roadside bombs is global and ongoing, some in Congress have argued that it should be terminated at the end of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Oates, for his part, said that JIEDDO "is not a permanent organization, and we do not seek to be one."

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from JIEDDO, the Marine Corps hung the JIN on the front of a mine roller. A slide from a May 2009 Marine Corps briefing shows a device attached to mine rollers shooting a bolt of electricity into the ground.

"People have been trying to use a Tesla coil"—a transformer that can produce very high-voltage discharges-"for years to defeat mines. It has never worked," said Dan Goure, a former defense official who's a vice president at the Lexington Institute, a Washington-area research center.

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Environment

A front-yard garden that looks good enough to eat

By WILLIAM HAGEMAN CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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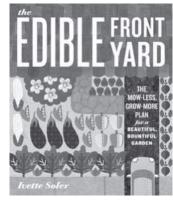
Turning your front yard into an edible garden can be an education. Not just for you, but for

Ivette Soler tells a story about skateboarders who stopped to admire her front yard, where the lawn had been replaced by a variety of vegetables and herbs. "One of 'em said, 'Look! Those are artichokes! Dude, they grow on plants!"

Soler, who lives in Los Angeles, has been writing the gardening blog "The Germinatrix" (thegerminatrix.com) since 2006. She has been a longtime advocate of having an edible front yard. In fact, her first book has just been published, called, appropriately, The Edible Front Yard: The Mow-Less, Grow-More Plan for a Beautiful, Bountiful Garden (Timber Press, \$19.95).

Q: When people think about growing food, they often think of farmers' fields, regimented rows of corn or beans.

A: Plants that give us food can be just as ornamental when we combine them with other things



and when we create smart associations. Then we have real gardening. We plant in rows for yield, which is of course super-legit, but when you're in the front yard you have to think about curb appeal as well. And so [we go] to those traditional ideas of garden design, a few little hints and thoughts and tricks and planning that allow you to do things that create cohesive, lovely landscapes with edibles.

Q: Do you have to choose between what looks good and what you like to eat?

A: What's so fantastic, there's such a wealth of beauty in the edible palette, you can kind of skirt the issue in many ways. You can do both, especially if you're looking into the heirloom edibles. They're just glorious things to choose from in terms of color and texture and form.

Q: What about vegetable

A: Anybody can walk up and take a lemon or grab an apple or, God forbid, cut off an artichoke, which has happened to me. What I've realized is it's usually not somebody from another neighborhood. ... It's usually people who walk around the neighborhood. I've seen them take basil. I talk to them. I say, "You can always ask me, and I'll give you some."

I find when I talk to people it changes the relationship. [It becomes] "This is my friend; of course I don't want to take from my friend." So the more you start interacting with your neighborhood and community, which automatically happens when you're gardening because you're out there so much, it becomes a different dynamic.

Q: What do you have in your front yard?

A: Lots of herbs integrated (with ornamentals). And a great bright lettuces.

thing that translates climate to climate, I have lettuces all over. I grow artichokes, I grow tomatoes, little cherry tomatoes, way in back because foliage can get a little ratty as the season goes on. My front yard is all about the basils and the oreganos and the fennel. And every year I grow beans. I also have another part that I consider my front yard, the area between the sidewalk and streets. I have three large raised beds there. I grow Swiss chard; right now there's a lot of Lacinato kale, or black kale, and red mustard.

Q: Is it the same every year?

A: I love experimenting. That's one of the things about edible gardening that captured my imagination—I can do something different from season to season. For the most part, my ornamentals are my structure. Then year to year I make changes in my edibles. That makes it almost like I'm creating a new garden.

This season, it will be a chartreuse garden. So I can go mad with the golden oregano and variegated thymes and really

Global warming skeptics get unexpected early results

By MARGOT ROOSEVELT

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—A team of physicists and statisticians that set out to challenge the scientific consensus on global warming is finding that its data-crunching effort is producing results nearly identical to those underlying the prevailing view.

The Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature project at the University of California, Berkeley, was launched by physics professor Richard Muller, a longtime critic of government-led climate studies, to address what he called "the legitimate concerns" of skeptics who believe global warming is exaggerated.

But Muller unexpectedly told a congressional hearing last week that the work of the three principal groups that have analyzed the temperature trends underlying climate science is "excellent. ... We see a global warming trend that is very similar to that previously reported by the other groups."

The hearing was called by GOP leaders of the House Science & Technology committee, who have expressed doubts about the integrity of climate science. It was one of several inquiries in recent weeks as the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to curb planet-heating emissions from industrial plants and motor vehicles have come under attack in Congress.

Muller said his group was surprised by its findings, but he cautioned that the initial assessment is based on only 2 percent of the 1.6 billion measurements that will eventually be examined.

The Berkeley project's biggest private backer, at \$150,000, is the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation. Oil billionaires Charles and David Koch are the nation's most prominent funders of efforts to prevent curbs on the burning of fossil fuels, the largest contributor to planet-warming greenhouse gases.

The \$620,000 project is also partly funded by the federal Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, where Muller is a senior scientist. Muller said the Koch foundation and other contributors will have no influence over the results, which he plans to submit to peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Ken Caldeira, an atmospheric scientist at the Carnegie Institution for Science, which contributed some funding to the Berkeley effort, said Muller's statement to Congress was "honorable" in recognizing

that "previous temperature reconstructions basically got it right. ... Willingness to revise views in the face of empirical data is the hallmark of the good scientific process."

But conservative critics who had expected Muller's group to demonstrate a bias among climate scientists reacted with disappointment.

Anthony Watts, a former TV weatherman who runs the skeptic blog WattsUpWithThat.com, wrote that the Berkeley group is releasing results that are not "fully working and debugged yet. ... But, post normal science political theater is like that."

Over the years, Muller has praised Watts' efforts to show that weather station data in official studies are untrustworthy because of the urban heat island effect, which boosts temperature readings in areas that have been encroached on by cities and suburbs.

But leading climatologists said the previous studies accounted for the effect, and the Berkeley analysis is confirming that, Muller acknowledged. "Did such poor station quality exaggerate the estimates of global warming?" he asked in his written testimony. "We've studied this issue, and our preliminary answer is no."

Temperature data are gathered from tens of thousands of weather stations around the globe, many of which have incomplete records. Over the last two decades, three independent groups have used different combinations of stations and varying statistical methods and yet arrived at nearly identical conclusions: The planet's surface, on average, has warmed about 0.75 degrees centigrade (1.4 degrees Fahrenheit) since the beginning of the 20th century.

Temperature data were the focus of the so-called 2009 Climategate controversy, in which opponents of greenhouse gas regulation alleged that leaked emails from a British climate laboratory showed manipulation of weather station records. Five U.S. and British government and university investigations have refuted the charges.

"For those who wish to discredit the science, this (temperature) record is the holy grail." said Peter Thorne, a leading expert at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C. "They figure if they can discredit this, then society would have significant doubts about all of climate science."

Do Your Part from the comfort of your kitchen

By TERRI BENNETT

We know that the heart of the home is in the kitchen. So, what better place to set up your own green headquarters? Going green at home means creating a healthier environment for your family. When you Do Your Part you'll have your loved ones eating better, breathing easier, and reducing their impact on the planet.

One of my most effective ways of getting the whole family involved in recycling is with the mobile recycling center I stash in the corner of the kitchen. OK, it's really a laundry cart on wheels, but it does the trick and is easy on the eyes. There are three compartments that make it super simple to collect paper, paperboard, and other non-food items for recycling. I use one compartment to store all my reusable shopping bags. Since it's on wheels, I move it from room to room to collect items that might not otherwise make it to the recycling bin. It's the perfect chore for younger members of the family because it teaches them about all the items that can be recycled into something new.

Recycling is one way to go green in the kitchen. Reducing waste and reusing items are others. Packing waste-free lunches should be on every mom's list. Putting lunch items in reusable containers (including reusable juice "boxes") helps cut down



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avoid—plastic baggies, snack bags, paper napkins, and plastic utensils. Paper towels are another single-use item responsible for a lot of waste in most kitchens. Try doing without them for a week and you'll see how easy it is. Instead of grabbing one on your way to the garbage, keep reusable dishtowels and cloth napkins handy in a drawer. You'll use fewer resources laundering them than what it takes to produce roll after roll of paper towels.

Next up—those toxic cocktails you have sitting under the sink. Things like chemical cleaners, bug killers, and air

single use items you could your home with toxins that are picked produce in exchange known to cause asthma and other more serious health problems. These days it's easy to find effective and totally nontoxic products to help you clean every dirty job or remove any pest or odor from your home. You can also make your own cleaners and air fresheners using two of my favorite staples baking soda and white vinegar.

Of course, we can't forget the food when considering ways to go green in a kitchen. If you don't have the room or time for a full-fledged garden, consider planting a small container with your favorite herbs or small veggies. Or you can support a

on waste. Think about all the fresheners can actually pollute local farm and receive freshly by joining a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). Visit DoYourPart.com/Columns to find one near you.

It really doesn't have to take extra time or money to Do Your Part at home. There are many ways you can make an even bigger difference—right from the comfort of your kitchen.

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Life & Style

Marpac launches Steinlager at GIG

Beer lovers on island reveled Tuesday night as Marianas Pacific Distributors Inc. launched Steinlager, New Zealand's biggest export beer.

Restaurateurs, hotel managers, store owners, and bartend-

the launch party that featured theque in Garapan. free, overflowing Steinlager ers were in attendance during from 8am to 1pm at GIG disco-

Steinlager is a lager-style beer with a 5 percent alcohol

volume and is brewed by alcoholic beverages company Lion Nathan in Newmarket suburb



IT&E's Nola Hix and Jihan Buniag smile for the camera.

in Auckland

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It comes in two styles: Steinlager Classic and Steinlager Pure, which is positioned at the premium end of the beer market.

Tom Basa, Marpac's sales team leader, said they wanted to introduce Steinlager on a bigger scale, now that Marpac is the exclusive distributor of this well-known imported beer.

"It's a great beer and it's something that people on Saipan can look forward to," Basa told Saipan Tribune, adding that Steinlager is available in major retail stores on island.

A raffle drawing was also held, with lucky guests taking home various prizes courtesy of the event's major sponsors: IT&E, GIG, and Marpac.



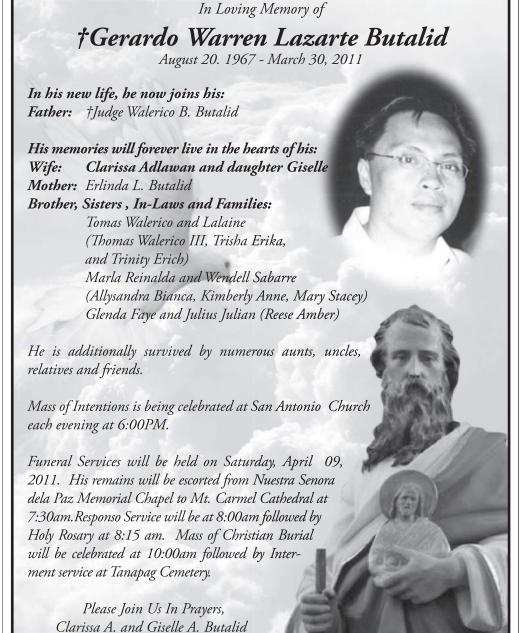
Pacific Islands Club employees join the launch party at GIG Tuesday night.

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Lady Gaga leads MTV's O Music Award nominations

NEW YORK (AP)—Ladv Gaga and Tyler the Creator lead MTV's newly inaugurated O Music Awards with three nominations each.

MTV announced Tuesday the categories and nominees for its new Web-based awards show, a celebration of digital music. Categories include best fan cover, most viral dance and best music hashtag meme.

Lady Gaga and rapper Tyler the Creator are among the nominees for most innovative artist and must-follow artist on Twitter. Lady Gaga is also nominated for favorite animated GIF, a kind of avatar. Tyler the Creator, of the much buzzed-about hip-hop group Odd Future, is also nominated for his remix of Lykke Li's "Follow Rivers."

Winners will be decided by fan voting in social media, with the results shown in



In this Aug. 12, 2008, file photo Lady Gaga makes an appearance at MTV Studio's in Times Square for MTV's "Total Request Live" show in New York.

as he recovers. As Fred struggles with the world's worst houseguest, both will learn what it takes to finally grow up.

When decorated soldier Captain Colter Stevens (Jake Gyllenhaal) wakes up in the body of an unknown man, he discovers he's part of a mission to find the bomber of a Chicago

commuter train. In an assignment unlike any he's ever known, he learns he's part of a government experiment called the

"Source Code," a program that enables him to cross over into another man's identity in the last 8 minutes of his life.

Zack Snyder presents a hyper-violent spin on Alice in Wonderland for his directorial follow-up to Watchmen with this Cruel and Unusual Films production for Warner Bros. The plot details the action-packed fantasy world of a mental patient (Emily Browning), who escapes from her reality to deal with her abusive steofather.

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real-time. The awards will be presented in a live hour-long webcast April 28 on MTV websites and mobile apps.

MTV, which is part of the Viacom-owned MTV Networks, hopes the show will do for digital music what its Video Music Awards, launched in 1984, did for the music video. As a reference to the rapidly shifting online world, even the "O" in the OMAs is being left undefined and open to interpretation by viewers.

"Some elements of this will be experimental," said Dermot McCormack, head of digital media at MTV Music Group. "If there is such a thing as a beta award show, this is it."

go to fans or even pets. Best animal performance is a category, with nominees like a parrot dancing to Willow Smith's song "Whip My Hair."

Other categories fete the new epicenters of online music, such as best independent music blog, best music discovery service and best performance series. The latter features a group of nominees that pits acclaimed online series like NPR's "Tiny Desk Concerts" and La Blogotheque's "Take Away Shows" against MTV's own "Unplugged."

"We're really launching a new franchise here, something that we're investing in," says Shannon Connolly, vice presi-Several of the awards will dent of digital music strategy

for MTV Music Group.

Other nominated artists include Kanye West, the Flaming Lips, Nicki Minaj, Arcade Fire and Justin Bieber. Among the non-artist nominees are the comedy site Funny or Die, the music discovery service Pandora and Andy Samberg's comedy troupe, the Lonely Island.

The network says success for the O Music Awards won't be assessed by ratings or view counts, but by its cultural influence.

"We won't be judging by how many streams we do on several websites," says McCormack. "We will be judging it by how much we can affect the conversation around digital music in the lead-up and beyond."

'Duh, Winning': Sheen moves to trademark phrases

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Not up on cell everyone may have Charlie Sheen's "Adonis DNA" but people may soon be able to wear it, chew on it, drink it and experience it in a videogame.

Within two weeks of Sheen's firing from television's top-rated comedy, a company with ties to the actor applied to trademark 22 of his catchphrases, including "Duh, Winning," "Vatican Assassin," "Tiger Blood" and "Rock Star From Mars."

The former "Two and a Half Men" star introduced the world to many of the phrases during a media blitz in February and early March that Sheen dubbed a "Media Tsunami." That trademark is still up-for-grabs, but the applications point to a possible merchandising blitz.

The phrase, "I'm not bi-polar, I am bi-winning," could end tions between March 19 and 22. his sound bites.

phones, in comic books, on wallets. purses. stickers and pens and pencils. Other



Sheen

potential items where the phrases may be emblazoned include bras, pens and pencils, pet foods and even alcoholic drinks.

There may even be something for gamblers—"Winning" could end up on slot machines.

Sheen's spokesman, Larry Solters, said Tuesday that how the trademarks are used if they are approved will be determined later.

Records show Hyro-gliff, a California company formed last month, filed trademark applicaIn filings, the company lists its address as the offices of Sheen's attorney, Marty Singer, who is pursuing a \$100 million lawsuit against Warner Bros. and "Men" creator Chuck Lorre.

The company also applied to trademark Sheen's name and signature, as well as his nicknames for his home (Sober Valley Lodge) and his girlfriends (Sheen's Goddesses.)

A pair of applications cover the title of the actor's current stage show, seeking protection for the phrases "Violent Torpedo of Truth" and "Defeat is Not an Option."

The filings do not guarantee that any of the products will ever be made, but if approved they will protect Sheen's name and interests from others who try to make merchandise from

NH school acquires Robert Frost's letters to pal

CONCORD, N.H. (AP)—Writing from England as World War I got under way, Robert Frost was more worried about his personal finances than the threat of war.

"This row was exciting at first. But it has lost some of its interest for us," the poet wrote to his friend Ernest Silver in August 1914, just weeks after Great Britain declared war on Germany. "Not that I think the Germans will come. I bet one of my little amateur bets that other day that not one of them would set foot in England."

The letter is one of six recently donated to Plymouth State University in New Hampshire, where Frost taught for a year before moving to England in 1912. His reputation as a poet grew after the publication of his first book a year later, but Frost still worried about how he would provide for his family upon returning to the United States.

"I wonder if I can count on your friendship to help me to some place where I can recoup. You know the kind of thing I should like—something in the English department, if possible, where I should have some energy to spare for my poetry," he wrote. "I can probably hang on another year if I have to, but there will be the more need in the end of my finding work because by that time I shall be in debt.'

In another letter dated Feb. 2, 1915, Frost said he was considering moving to Vermont or Maine to be near friends. "But money is really going to be short and we must go where we can go with a reasonable chance of making ends meet," he wrote.

Frost, the celebrated New England poet known for such verse as "The Road Not Taken" and "The Gift Outright," met Silver at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, where Silver was the high school principal and Frost taught English. When Silver became the president of what was then known as Plym-

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March 26 now you give me a flattering description of the little I gave in return. Double thanks Hope you got your bedagogy renovated by the kid glove kontingent at the institute. May you growin professing at the belliand better to butteton Robert Front

This photo released from the archives at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, N.H. shows one of several letters written by the young not-yet-famous poet Robert Frost.

outh Normal School, he invited Frost to come teach education and psychology.

But after a decade of teaching combined with unsuccessful farming, Frost's move to England marked his shift toward poetry as a vocation, said Alice Staples, librarian for the archives and special collections at Plymouth State. The letters come from a time in which Frost faced a choice not unlike the dilemma posed in 1916's "The Road Not Taken," she said.

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second celebrity dismissed from 'Dancing'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Wendy Williams is saying goodbye to the "Dancing With the Stars" ballroom—and to the cross-country treks she made as she juggled taping her daily talk show in New York and performing on the dance show in Los Angeles.

The TV host was dismissed Tuesday from "Dancing With the Stars" after coming into the episode in last place. She earned 15 points out of 30 the previous night for her foxtrot with professional partner Tony Dovolani.

Williams said being on the show was "a wonderful opportunity" and she thanked the judges and her partner for teaching her how to dance.

"Despite stereotypes, this is one black girl who can't even do the running man," Wil-

She struggled throughout her three weeks on the show, regularly landing near the bottom of the leaderboard. Judges' scores are combined with viewer votes to determine which couple is ousted each week.

"The problem is it's not my personality in the competition, it's my feet," she said on Tuesday's episode. "If my personality were

in the competition, I'd win!"

Williams is the second contestant eliminated from the hit ABC show's 12th season. Radio host Mike Catherwood was dismissed last week.

The results show also included musical performances by OneRepublic and Selena Gomez and the Scene.

Returning to dance on Monday will be actors Kirstie Alley, Ralph Macchio and Chelsea Kane; athletes Hines Ward, Chris Jericho and Sugar Ray Leonard; singer Romeo; reality star Kendra Wilkinson and model Petra Nemcova.

Third 'Dark Knight' to film in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Crim- the Pennsylvania city will host inals beware, Batman will be on the beat this summer in Pittsburgh.

Film director Christopher Nolan, who has helmed the two previous Batman films-starring Christian Bale as the caped crime fighter and his alter ego, Bruce Wayne—said Tuesday

filming for a third film for at least a month.

"Pittsburgh is a beautiful city. We have been able to find everything we were looking for here and I am excited to spend the summer in Pittsburgh with our final installment of Batman," he said in a

statement, adding that he finally settled on the city because of its architecture and diverse sampling of locations.

Mayor Luke Ravensthahl said the decision was "another example of the growing film industry in our community and we will be rolling out the red carpet for them."

The city is no stranger to film productions, having been the location for more than 100 film and television products since 1990, including "I Am Number Four" and Kevin Smith's "Zack & Miri Make A Porno."

The Pittsburgh Film Office is a non-profit economic development agency that markets southwest Pennsylvania as a location for filming.

Angelina Jolie visits Libya-Tunisia border



United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee goodwill ambassador Angelina Jolie, center left, walks with UNHCR Protection Officer Patrick Mansour, second from right, at the Ras Djir Tunis-Libyan border on Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)—Refugees who fled violence in Libya have welcomed an unusual visitor to their border camp in Tunisia—Angelina Jolie.

The American actress visited on Tuesday in her role as a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

The UNHCR said in a statement that Jolie urged more international aid for the refugees, and the Jolie-Pitt Foundation had also made an "important donation" for the refugee operation.

Jolie also praised the government of Tunisia for its generosity toward the refugees. Tunisia saw an uprising in January that overthrew a dictator and sparked revolts around the Arab world.

UNHCR says more than 400,000 people have fled from Libya over the last month amid fighting between longtime rebels and leader Moammar Gadhafi's forces.

Bristol Palin earns \$262K for teen pregnancy work

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)— Tax documents show unwed mother Bristol Palin earned more than \$262,000 for her role in helping raise awareness for teen pregnancy prevention in 2009.

The most recent data for The Candie's Foundation that's posted online by research firm GuideStar shows compensation at \$262,500 for the now-20-year-old daughter of former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee.

Bristol Palin was 18 when she was appointed as a teen ambassador for the New York-based foundation in 2009, months after giving birth to son, Tripp. She and the 2-year-old boy's father, Levi Johnston, are no longer together.

Palin family attorney John Tiemessen and foundation officials did not immediately return calls for comment Tuesday.

Palin, who still works for the foundation, told The Associated Press last year that girls would think twice about having sex if they knew how tough it is to be a mother.

Girl's promiscuity is no cause for mother's pride

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I'm the mother of two boys who are 12 and 13. The letter from "Terrified for My Niece in the Southwest" (Feb. 16) horrified me. The aunt who wrote the letter said her sister "bragged" about how popular her 14-year-old daughter is because she gives oral sex to the boys. Is this the kind of girl my sons are exposed to at school?



I know kids are curious and ex-

periment at this age, but it's disturbing that the mother of this girl doesn't see that her actions are dangerous and can lead to more serious sexual situations. If she were MY niece, I would speak up and let Mom know exactly how I felt in hopes that she would recognize how inappropriate her daughter's actions are. Pregnancy can become a harsh reality to a parent who was blind to the seriousness of her child's actions.

YVETTE IN RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, CALIF.

DEAR YVETTE: Thank you for writing. Many readers were equally disturbed by that letter, and a few even questioned its authenticity. I spoke to the aunt who wrote the letter. She verified that she had written it and everything she said was true. Perhaps the following responses will serve as a wake-up call for teens AND parents:

DEAR ABBY: I have been a criminal investigator for more than 38 years and can state with certainty that having sex with Naomi is a FELONY in most, if not all, states, particularly if the boy is over the age of 16. At 14, this girl is not able to give consent. What is happening is considered an act of rape, even if it is voluntary on her part.

Someone needs to intervene NOW before some "innocent" boy gets charged with a crime. I've handled too many cases where boys have been charged with rape when the girl gets angry at him for almost no reason. The welfare of all the children is at stake!

"SNOOPER" IN WISCONSIN

DEAR ABBY: This letter literally makes the hair on the back of my neck stand up when I think about a mother who would actually BRAG about something like this to family and do nothing about it. That mother is in desperate need of counseling, and Naomi is in desperate need of guidance because, obviously, she's not getting any from her mom. I wonder if her dad has any idea what's going on?

A MOM IN GREAT FALLS, MONT.

DEAR ABBY: "Terrified's" niece is being sexually abused. It would be particularly egregious if her partners are 18 or older. For her mother to crow about her daughter's exploits makes her an unfit parent. "Terrified" needs to take a firm stand with her sister, and if she is ignored, the authorities should be contacted.

MIKE IN NEW YORK

DEAR ABBY: This girl's mother is abdicating her responsibilities as a parent and indirectly condoning and encouraging her daughter's promiscuous behavior. The emotional damage could be irreparable. Naomi is being used and abused by any young man with whom she is involved. The aunt should talk to her sister and, if there is a father in the house, he needs to know about his daughter.

In my opinion, that mother wants her daughter to be popular for all the wrong reasons. Mom sounds like someone who sat on the sidelines in high school and never understood that what makes a person popular is the ability to carry on an intelligent conversation, get good grades, provide community service and so on. Pity!

BARBARA IN KALAMAZOO, MICH.

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SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Amy Poehler named Harvard's 'Class Day' speaker CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Harvard

has announced that comedian and actress Amy Poehler has been selected as this year's "Senior Class Day" speaker. The school announced Tuesday that the Massachusetts native will address graduates and their families in Harvard Yard's Tercentenary Theatre on May 25. The annual ceremony is scheduled the day before commencement and is a chance for Harvard's senior class to socialize one last time before graduating. Poehler, a Boston College graduate, is known for her work on the late-night sketch comedy show 'Saturday Night Live' and currently stars in the NBC comedy series "Parks and Recreation."

Kurt Cobain guitar sculpture dedicated in Wash.

ABERDEEN, Wash. (AP)—A sculpted guitar memorial to Kurt Cobain has been unveiled in a park in the Nirvana frontman's Washington state hometown. The dedication in Aberdeen on Tuesday marked the 17th anniversary of Cobain's suicide in Seattle. A diverse group of fans and Aberdeen residents, many born after Cobain's 1994 death, attended the ceremony. The sculpture was placed in a park near the Young Street bridge where Cobain spent time while growing up. The bridge attracts Cobain fans because it's mentioned in his song "Something in the Way." Besides the concrete guitar, there's a steel ribbon dangling in the air with lyrics from the Nirvana song "On a Plain" that say: "One more special message to go and then I'm done and I can go home."

Prince donates \$250K to SC nonprofit group COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—Recording

artist Prince is making a \$250,000 donation to a nonprofit group that aims to make sure all children in a Columbia, S.C., neighborhood graduate from college. Prince's drummer and Columbia native John Blackwell Jr. made the presentation Tuesday to Eau Claire Promise Zone officials. The Eau Claire Promise Zone is a 12-neighborhood area that is part of the nationwide "Promise Neighborhoods" movement, modeled after the work of Geoffrey Canada and his Harlem Children's Zone. Prince and the New Power Generation performed shows in Columbia, Charleston and Greenville last month.

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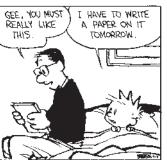
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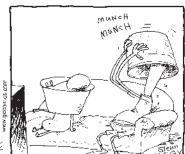
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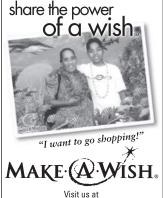
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CIVIL ACTION

NO. 09-0014

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OF SALE

BANK OF HAWAII, Plaintiff.

Plaintiff,

JOAQUIN S. REYES and MAGDALENA

B. SALAS,
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 1, 2009, I will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property:

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DATED: Saipan, MP, March 22, 2011.

/s/ Vincent J. Seman VINCENT J. SEMAN, F0361 Attorneys for Plaintiff BANK OF HAWAII

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A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 8, 2011, at the proposed project site in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, across the U.S. Post Office.

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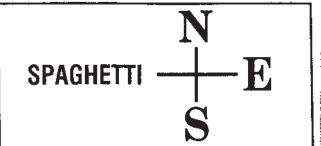
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Aggies beat Notre Dame for 1st NCAA title



NAPOLIS (AP)—No one was paying too

much attention last week when Texas A&M coach Gary Blair proclaimed: "We're going to win a national championship.'

Who could have known what havoc Danielle Adams would wreak? Notre Dame certainly found out.

The senior scored 22 of her 30 points in a dominating second half and answered the Fighting Irish basket for basket Tuesday night to help the Aggies beat Notre Dame in a 76-70 thriller and bring the women's title to the former all-male military academy.

"I had a little voice in my head, 'Don't let this team down," said Adams, who became the school's first All-American a week ago and added outstanding player of the tournament to her honors.

"Every time we'd get down we were telling each other we're not going to lose this game. We worked hard all season to prepare for this point. I had to do this for my teammates. They've been doing everything for me. I decided to take them on my back and just let them ride on my back."

This was the supposed to be the year Maya Moore's Connecticut juggernaut won its third straight title, or Stanford broke through or Tennessee got back to the top. But Texas A&M and Notre Dame got



Texas A&M head coach Gary Blair and players celebrate with the trophy after their 76-70 win over Notre Dame in the women's NCAA Final Four college basketball championship game in Indianapolis, Tuesday,

rid off them all - plus the fourth No. 1 seed, Baylor—to set up an unlikely final between two rugged No. 2 seeds.

And at the end of a seesaw game that easily beat the men's final for excitement—and points scored—the Aggies made their coach proud. At 65, he became the oldest coach to win the women's championship just one night after UConn's 68-year-old Jim Calhoun did the same thing

on the men's side.

"We gave you that national championship game without the so-called powers of the world," Blair said. "The two powers tonight were the two that earned

Tyra White added 18 points for A&M, including a huge 3-pointer as the shot clock buzzer sounded to put the Aggies up 73-68 with 1:07 left.

"That was the knife in my

heart. That was the game." Irish coach Muffet McGraw said, bowing her head when the question was asked. "I thought that was just an amazing play on White's part, and that play was the game."

Adams and her teammates then staved off a final, frantic push by the Irish and their sensational young point guard, Skylar Diggins.

Now the Aggies (33-5) are

national champs, newcomers gies to give them a 56-53 lead who bullied their way through the tournament to win it all. Like Notre Dame, they vanquished their conference rival on the way, beating Baylor in the Dallas regional final after losing to the Lady Bears three times during the season.

Adams, who struggled badly against Baylor, was up to the task and then some against Notre Dame, scoring the second-most points ever in a championship game (Texas Tech's Sheryl Swoopes had 47 against Ohio State in 1993).

Both teams reached the championship by knocking off two No. 1 seeds. Notre Dame ended an 0-20 skid against Tennessee, then swept past Connecticut in the semifinals - the first time one team has taken down those two women's basketball icons in the same tournament. After A&M dumped Baylor, the Aggies knocked out Stanford in a bruising national semifinal.

It wound up being the first title game without a No. 1 seed since 1994 and only the second overall. It also was the first final without either Connecticut or Tennessee since Maryland beat Duke in overtime for the 2006 championship.

And it turned out to be a good one.

After a back-and-forth first half, and with the Aggies trailing 48-43 early in the second half, Adams simply took over.

The 6-foot-1 center scored 10 of the next 13 points for the Agmidway through the second half. Texas A&M then extended the advantage to 64-57 behind the two Sydneys-Carter and

But Notre Dame wouldn't give up, battling back behind Diggins and Devereaux Peters. The Irish scored nine of the next 11 points to tie the game at 66 on Diggins' jumper with 3:56 left.

Blair went right to Adams on the next two possessions and she delivered, hitting back-toback lay-ups and wearing out the Irish by hitting her first eight shots of the half and finishing 9 of 11.

Peters' putback cut it to 70-68, but White hit her huge 3—her second game-saving shot of the tournament after her layup lifted the Aggies over Stanford on Sunday. Diggins had two free throws with 40.7 seconds left, and McGraw called her final timeout only to see her young star turn it over in front of the bench. White hit two free throws to seal the win.

Diggins finished with 23 points and Peters added 21 and 11 rebounds for Notre Dame (31-8). Diggins, fighting back tears, said the Irish couldn't handle A&M's pressure.

"We turned it over too much. I don't know if it was nerves or what," she said. "We just didn't handle the pressure."

Indeed, the night belonged to the Aggies in a game played just a few hours' drive from the Notre Dame campus in South Bend.



BOSTON (AP)—Rajon Rondo scored 16 points with 13 assists as the Boston Celtics moved into a share of the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference by beating the Philadelphia 76ers 99-82

on Tuesday.

With the win, the Celtics and Heat were tied at 54-23 with four games left. The Celtics would win the tiebreaker because they beat Miami in their first three meetings this season; the teams play again in Miami on Sunday.

Paul Pierce scored 18 points, Kevin Garnett had 14 and Ray Allen had 13 for Boston.

Nenad Krstic scored eight points in 18 minutes after missing two games with bruised right knee, and Jermaine O'Neal had nine points in 12 minutes as the Celtics try to find big men to fill in for Shaquille O'Neal.

Thunder 101, Nuggets 94

At Denver, Kevin Durant scored 32 points as Oklahoma City beat Denver in a possible first-round playoff preview.

Russell Westbrook added 18 points and James Harden 13 as the Thunder all but secured home-court advantage in the first round of the NBA playoffs, building a four-game lead over the Nuggets with five games left, including a rematch Friday night in Oklahoma City.

Jazz 86, Lakers 85

At Los Angeles, rookie Gordon Havward scored a career-high 22 points and hit the go-ahead free throw with 6 seconds to play as Utah snapped an

Rondo helps Celtics past 76ers

eight-game losing streak with a victory over Los Angeles.

Kobe Bryant scored 20 points and hit a tying 3-pointer with 16 seconds left, but fumbled the ball away on an ill-conceived drive at the buzzer.

Warriors 108, **Trail Blazers 87**

At Portland, Oregon, David Lee had 29 points and a season-high 20 rebounds as Golden State beat Portland.

Monta Ellis added 30 points for the Warriors, who led by as many

LaMarcus Aldridge had 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Blazers, who clinched a spot in the playoffs just before the half when the Houston Rockets lost 104-101 to Sacramento.

Spurs 97, Hawks 90

At Atlanta, Tony Parker scored 26 points as San Antonio moved closer to homecourt advantage in the playoffs by ending a four-game road losing streak.

Manu Ginobili had 18 points and Tim Duncan had 17 for the Spurs, which began the night 2 1/2 games ahead of the Lakers in the race for the top seed in the Western Conference playoffs.

Bulls 97, Suns 94

At Chicago, Derrick Rose finished with 19 points and Luol Deng scored 18 as Chicago continued to close in on the top

seed in the Eastern Conference with a win over Phoenix.

The Bulls lead Miami and Boston by three games, with the Celtics visiting Thursday.

The Bulls led by 13 at the half and 22 in the third, only to see Phoenix whittle it to two in the fourth quarter, before pulling out their 16th win in 18 games.

Joakim Noah added 12 points, including eight in the third quarter, after missing three games with a sprained right ankle. Carlos Boozer scored 12, and Ronnie Brewer and Taj Gibson scored 10 each off the bench.

Knicks 131, Raptors 118

At New York, Toney Douglas scored 28 points, and Carmelo Anthony and Amare Stoudemire each added 23 as New York closed within a half-game of sixth place in the Eastern Conference by routing Toronto for its fourth straight victory.

Chauncey Billups had 13 points and nine assists for the Knicks, who can move ahead of the 76ers for the No. 6 seed when they travel to Philadelphia on Wednesday. It's a rare big game in the springtime for the Knicks, usually long out of contention by now but headed back to the postseason for the first time since 2004.

Nets 107, Timberwolves 105

At Newark, New Jersey, Deron Wil-

liams capped a career-equaling 21-assist performance by hitting a game-winning jump shot with 1.7 seconds to play to lead New Jersey over Minnesota.

Williams finished with 18 points as the Nets snapped a six-game losing streak.

The game wasn't decided until Michael Beasley had a 3-pointer bounce off the rim at the buzzer.

Brook Lopez had a game-high 30 points and 12 rebounds and Sasha Vujacic added 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Nets.

Wizards 107, Pistons 105

At Washington, John Wall scored 16 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter as Washington has its first three-game winning streak since 2008.

Wall also had 12 assists and six rebounds for the Wizards. In the final minute of the first half, he hurdled over two rows of seats along the baseline to save the ball, then ran back onto the court to knock the ball away from Will Bynum while landing atop the scorer's table on the sideline.

Kings 104, Rockets 101

At Houston, Marcus Thornton and Samuel Dalembert scored 21 points apiece, and Dalembert and DeMarcus Cousins each grabbed 15 rebounds asSacramento hurt Houston's playoff hopes with a win.

Tyreke Evans scored 18 points and

Cousins scored 15 for the Kings.

Kevin Martin scored 30 for the Rockets, who blew a big chance to gain ground on Memphis in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the West.

Clippers 82, Grizzlies 81

At Memphis, Tennessee, Mo Williams scored 16 points and keyed a fourthquarter rally as Los Angeles snapped Memphis' four-game winning streak.

Blake Griffin added 15 points and 14 rebounds for the Clippers, while Chris Kaman finished with 14 points. Eric Gordon finished with 11 points.

Cavaliers 99, Bobcats 89

At Cleveland, Ramon Sessions scored 18 points to pace seven players in double figures, leading Cleveland over injurydepleted Charlotte.

Charlotte, which is in ninth place in the Eastern Conference, trails Indiana by 2 1/2 games for the final playoff spot. The Bobcats, losers of three straight, have five games remaining while the Pacers have four games left.

Magic 78, Bucks 72

At Orlando, Florida, Dwight Howard had 18 points and 17 rebounds, and Jameer Nelson scored 17 as Orlando beat Milwaukee.

Coupled with Atlanta's 97-90 loss to San Antonio, the Magic clinched the No. 4 seed for the Eastern Conference playoffs. Orlando won three of four in the season series to improve to 16-5 in its last 21 meetings against the Bucks.

Winless Red Sox lose 4th straight, 3-1 to Indians CLEVELAND (AP)— Bonds' prosecution rests



Boston's Josh Beckett and Cleveland came up with

just enough timely hits as the Indians kept the Red Sox winless so far this season with a 3-1 victory Tuesday.

Tomlin (1-0) allowed one run and three hits in seven innings, taming a star-studded Boston lineup that came in batting just .200.

Tony Sipp worked a perfect eighth before Indians closer Chris Perez made things interesting in the ninth. He gave up a one-out single to Dustin Pedroia and a two-out walk to Kevin Youkilis before retiring David Ortiz on a liner to left for his first save.

Texas 3, Mariners 2

At Arlington, Texas, Alexi Ogando pitched six scoreless innings in his first major league start and Josh Hamilton hit an RBI double as Texas remained undefeated.

The defending American League champion Rangers are the first team to five wins. The only other undefeated teams are Baltimore (4-0) and Cincinnati (4-0).

Ogando (1-0), a standout reliever last season, struck out four and allowed only two hits in a matchup of first-time major league starters.

Angels 5, Rays 3

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Jered Weaver won his second consecutive start, and Torii Hunter and Alberto Callaspo both had two RBIs as Los Angeles kept Tampa Bay winless.

Weaver (2-0), the Angels' opening day starter, allowed one run and three hits in 6 2-3 innings. It is the first time since his rookie season in 2006 that he has started a year with consecutive victories.

Twins 5, Yankees 4

At New York, Joe Mauer hit a go-ahead single in the 10th inning as Minnesota broke through in the Bronx, rallying past New York and overcoming a dominant outing by CC Sabathia.

Delmon Young blooped a three-run double in the eighth to tie it and Minnesota took advantage of five walks by Yankees relievers in the last three innings. Matt Capps (1-0) got six straight outs and Joe Nathan earned his second save since missing last season following Tommy John surgery on his elbow.

Royals 7, White Sox 6, 12 innings

At Kansas City, Melky Cabrera's RBI single scored Chris Getz from second in the 12th inning to give Kansas City its fourth straight win in its final at-bat.

Chris Getz singled leading off and was sacrificed to second and then Cabrera connected of Tony Pena (0-1) for his third hit of the game. Jeremy Jeffress (1-0) got two outs for the win in Kansas City's first four-game winning streak since September 2009.

Blue Jays 7, Athletics 6, 10 innings

At Toronto, Yunel Escobar hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning to win it for Toronto.

Josh Willingham hit a leadoff homer in the top the 10th to give Oakland a 6-5 lead. But Rajai Davis led off the bottom half with a single against Grant Balfour (0-1) and Escobar followed with a first-pitch homer that landed in the right field bullpen, his first of the season.

Blue Jays right-hander Jason Frasor (1-0) earned the win despite allowing Willingham's homer.

Reds 8, Astros 2

At Cincinnati, Chris Heisey drove in three runs as the Cincinnati Reds took a patient approach at the plate in improving to 4-0 for the first time since their 1990 World Series championship season, beating the Houston Astros.

Heisey walked with the bases loaded, was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, and singled



Cleveland Indians starter Josh Tomlin pitches in the first inning in a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox, Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in Cleveland.

home a run off J.A. Happ (0-1), who helped the league's top offense immensely.

Brewers 1, Braves 0

At Milwaukee, Yovani Gallardo threw a twohitter as Milwaukee snapped a four-game losing streak to begin the season.

Gallardo (1-0) walked two and struck out two for the third shutout of his career. Two of the base runners were erased by double plays and no Braves runner reached second.

Mets 7, Phillies 1

At Philadelphia, Chris Young pitched effectively into the sixth inning and became the first Mets pitcher with two hits in an inning, fueling a six-run rally and helping New York beat Philadelphia.

The four-time National League East champion Phillies were trying for their first 4-0 start since 1915, but Cole Hamels (0-1) suffered through the second-worst start of his career and became the first of Philadelphia's four aces to lose this season.

Padres 3, Giants 1

At San Diego, Aaron Harang pitched six strong innings in his debut with his hometown Padres. who won their home opener against skidding San Francisco.

The defending World Series champion Giants, who eliminated the Padres from playoff contention on the last day of the 2010 season, have lost four of five.

Nick Hundley had three hits for the Padres and Heath Bell earned his second save.

Rockies 3, Dodgers 0

At Denver, Jhoulys Chacin scattered five hits

over seven sharp innings and Troy Tulowitzki broke out of a hitting funk with a solo homer as Colorado blankedLos Angeles.

Chacin (1-0) struck out four in his season debut as the hard-throwing righty outdueled Clayton Kershaw (1-1), who lasted six innings and allowed three runs.

Cardinals 3, Pirates 2

At St. Louis, Albert Pujols had the leveling and go-ahead RBIs, and Kyle McClellan rebounded from a shaky beginning to win his first career start for St. Louis.

Three-time NL MVP Pujols hasn't seemed comfortable at the plate in the opening homestand, grounding into three double plays in one game and entering 2 for 16 with a solo homer.

Marlins 3, Nationals 2, 10 innings

At Miami, Florida overcame a night of poor hitting when Donnie Murphy delivered a basesloaded, two-out single in the 10th inning.

An error by right fielder Jayson Werth led to the unearned run.

The Marlins came from behind twice but began the 10th inning 0 for 10 with runners in scoring position. The Nationals went 1 for 8 with runners in scoring position.

Cubs 6, Diamondbacks 5

At Chicago, Marlon Byrd had three hits, doubling in a key run in the seventh inning, as Chicago held on for a victory.

Byrd, who also scored a run, drove in pinchhitter Jeff Baker with a one-out double to left off Sam Demel (1-1), giving Chicago a 5-4 lead after blowing a three-run advantage in the top of the seventh.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A federal judge ruled jurors in the Barry Bonds trial may not hear a freshly rediscovered recording of two key witnesses—ridiculed by the defense as a "miracle tape"—as prosecutors rested their case against the home-run king Tuesday after 2 1/2 weeks and 25 witnesses.

The defense said it planned to call up to six witnesses, including possibly Bonds himself, in a presentation that lawyers projected will start and end Wednesday. If that schedule holds up, closing arguments would take place Thursday morning and the case could go to the jury of eight women and four men later in the day.

Bonds, Major League Baseball's season and career home run leader, is accused of four counts of making false statements and one count of obstruction of justice for telling a grand jury in 2003 that he didn't knowingly use performance-enhancing drugs. Prosecutors ended their presentation with a 1 hour, 35 minute reading of portions of Bonds' grand jury testimony.

Dressed in a gray suit and striped silver tie, Bonds' alternately watched for the jurors' reaction and followed in a three-ring binder as his testimony was read. One juror chewed on a pen and rested her head on a silver thermos.

Jurors and Bonds' mother laughed when Bonds' 7 1/2year-old answer to Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Nedrow was read back in which the baseball star said: "Yes. You are confusing. I'm telling you," before addressing the grand jurors directly and telling them: "Is he confusing to you guys? I'm glad it's not just me."

After the prosecution rested, Bonds' lawyers filed four motions with the court, the most significant of which asked U.S. District Judge Susan Illston to acquit Bonds now. They also filed motions to strike testimony by four players on how they received drugs from former Bonds' trainer, Greg Anderson, testimony on the side effects of steroids and HGH, and part of the taped conversation between former Bonds business partner Steve Hoskins and Anderson.

Illston said she was inclined to strike part of the Hoskins-Anderson conversation that was played for the jury and testimony from former Bonds' girlfriend Kimberly Bell about his shrunken testicles, which the government says is a side effect from steroids use. She also wondered aloud whether the government had provided any evidence to back its count charging Bonds with lying when he said he received only vitamins from Anderson before the 2003

She gave prosecutors until Wednesday morning to respond in writing before finalizing her decisions.

Dr. Don Catlin, former head of the UCLA Olympic Analytical Laboratory, was the last prosecution witness, and he testified about Bonds' 2003 urine test for Major League Baseball's anonymous survey, which was seized by federal agents the following year. At Catlin's lab, it tested positive for Tetrahydrogestrinone (THG), a designer steroid known as "The Clear," and a female fertility drug. Three UCLA lab employees preceded him to the stand.

Bonds testified to the grand jury that Anderson had told him the substances he was giving Bonds were flaxseed oil and arthritic cream.

While Catlin was testifying, prosecutors submitted a motion to allow into evidence a recording of a 15-minute conversation in 2003 between Hoskins and Dr. Arthur Ting, Bonds' orthopedic surgeon.

But Illston quickly rejected the request.

"It's barely intelligible," she said, adding: "Where you hear the name Barry, it's not clear what is said." She also said the material didn't shed much light on the Bonds case.

The recording, taken from a microcassette recorder, consists mostly of Hoskins, a friend of Bonds since childhood, discussing media accounts of the 2003 government raid of Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative (BALCO), which was the center of a steroid distribution ring in which Anderson was a participant. Ting responds "yeah" about a dozen times. When Hoskins tells Ting "the only reason narcotics was there" Ting immediately finishes the sentence with "the drugs."

In the version of the transcript created by the government, 126 passages over 10 pages are marked "(UI)" for "Unintelligible."

Hoskins testified he spoke with Ting about Bonds and steroids on approximately 50 occasions, while Ting said they had only one general discussion of steroids. While the tape was subpoenaed in 2005, Hoskins told federal agent Jeff Novitzky he found it at a storage facility on Sunday afternoon and turned it over to Novitzky at 10 p.m. that night.

Participants for Art of War 6 have until April 21 to register

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Registration forms are available right now for Trench Tech Purebred Promotions' Art of War 6 Grappling and Submission Challenge on April 23 at the Trench Tech Gym in San Antonio.

tsunami-torn Japan through a

mountain bike race this Sunday.

Dubbed the "Japan Relief Ef-

fort Bike Race," the weekend

event co-hosted by Mt. Tapoc-

hau Bike Club and the Saipan

Adventure Sports Club will

offer two courses to interested

participants. Entrance fee is

only \$10 and all fees will go to

Bikers on Saipan

have joined the

CNMI's efforts

to raise funds for

earthquake- and

Interested participants have until April 21 at the very latest to obtain the forms, which are available daily at the Trench Tech Gym from 6pm to 8pm. Competitors must also bring the \$10 entrance fee and spectator admittance the day of the event is set at \$5 a person.

"The purpose of Art of War 6 is to spread the awareness of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu in a tournament style and setting. This

the American Red Cross Japan

The championship course will

start and end at the pavement park-

ing area of Mt. Tapochao road.

From the starting point, bikers

will head down to Capital Hill to-

ward Wireless and Egigi/McDick

trail up to As Teo Road (riders

need not to go to Hochimin).

Then from As Teo, bikers will go

to Papago Drive up to "concrete

MTB race for Japan Relief

event caters to the unarmed combative practitioner looking to test his martial arts skills and techniques without striking. Similar to Judo and wrestling, competitors are allowed to use various submission skills to defeat their opponents. There is also an elaborate scoring system in place so competitors can win by points as well," said Trench Tech president Cuki Alvarez.

More importantly, he said Art

bitch" and head past the start line

down Lamar Trail. The next stop

will be the Galaide Road connect-

ing to Tapochau Road and then

The sports course will be a

shortened version of the cham-

pionship with riders also head-

ing to Wireless and then Egigi

Road (no entry to Egigi/McDick

Trail). Then they will head up

straight to Isa Drive and back to

of War is intended to be a goodwill competition for everyone.

"It keeps the integrity of competitive fighting at an all-time high and in-check, creating an avenue for us to continue making friendships through fighting," said Alvarez.

Matches start at 9am and the competition is expected to conclude by 4pm.

Trench Tech is calling out all

interested mixed martial artists

start/finish line.

Capital Hill Road en route to the

This weekend's race is supported by Saipan Shipping, Bra-Islands Club, Triple J, Pacific the Tan Siu Lin Foundation. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

Registration will begin at 6am, while the race will start at 7pm. The Top 3 placers in the women's and men's divisions of each course will receive prizes.

bu Pharmacy, Bank of Guam, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Trading, Co., Gold's Gym, and

Relief Fund

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RJ

tournament resume and his record was excellent. There was a problem because R.J. applied for the Tiger Woods National Golf Team and he also had to apply as a resident in California, so the Tournament Selection Committee for Callaway Junior World required R.J. to get a CNMI golf governing body to endorse him," R.J.'s father, Richard, said.

"I really tried to apply under strength and merits of my golf accomplishments, but my ambition to get selected to the Tiger Woods National Golf Team seems to have been ill-advised. I am still hoping to be in the Tiger Woods National Golf Team, and have a strong feeling that my application was sent to Junior World for a reason, that is because I was the best candidate,"

the younger Macaranas said.

back to start/finish line.

It will be the sixth time that Macaranas will be competing in the Junior World, which will run from July 12 to 15 at the Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego.

Then three days after the Junior World. Macaranas will be at La Quinta, California for the 2011 Future Champions World Championship. His second tournament will run from July 18 to 20 at the PGA West Golf Course,

sic. Macaranas qualified for the Future Champions after finishing third in the same tournament last year.

which hosts the Bob Hope Clas-

The junior golfer's next target will be the 2011 U.S. Kids World Golf Championship, which is set at the Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst, North Carolina, from Aug. 4 to 6.

"R.J. is waiting for the U.S. Kids World Golf Championship exemption," Richard said.

ANGELS

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Teammate Pete Tomokane followed soon off a passed ball.

Brewers knocked on the door to start the fifth but found no answer and the Angels' top of the order opened a 9-2 gash in the bottom frame.

Leadoff man Jesus Iguel got plunked to start the inning and stole second, third, and home plate. After Iguel

reached, Brewers' Giovanni Ayuvu was called to the mound in relief for Cepeda.

Second batter Tyrone Omar reached off an infield hit and scored off an error. After a pop up to the catcher, Ayuyu gave up three free passes that set up a two-RBI single by Clifton Silil and an extra run scored from first base off an outfield error.

As the Angels batted around, Iguel and Omar ripped RBI singles in their second at bats, just as he Brewers' Ton Rogolifoi was called to the mound to get his team out of the frame.

After a quiet sixth, the Brewers managed their final two runs in the top of the seventh off an RBI single by Rogolifoi and a sacrifice fly by Celis, but the Angels got a run back in the bottom frame and added another in the bottom of the eight before closing the last three outs. Brewers' closer Kelvin Kapileo was called to the mound with one out in the

top of the eighth.

Silil batted 2-for-4 with three RBIs and a run with a base on balls.

Angels put the brakes on winning pitcher Franco Flores midway through this second meeting, however he still allowed zero earned runs in five innings off five hits and three walks with a strikeout.

SML action continues tonight at Tan Ko field with D-9ers squaring off against the Ol'Aces (2-2) at 6:30pm.

WOMEN

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game against the Minato, Tokvo-based university, NMIFA men's league's Division B teams Sky FC and MP United Blue will play in a regular game first at 11am. Then, organizers are proposing to have

a dribbling relay competition for U6, U8, and U10 divisions with an entry fee of \$3 per player. Other proposed activities include a penalty kick challenge, 4x4 men and women small sided games, and boys U15 and U18 4x4 sided match. Players entered in the penalty kick challenge and the 4x4 matches will be asked to pay an entrance fee of \$5.

Players from Keio and the Women's National Team will be the goalkeepers in the penalty kick challenge, while in the women's 4x4 match, participants will challenge the four non-starters from the visiting Japanese squad. These side events will run until past 3pm and prizes will be awarded to winners.

"The intent of event is to have an all-day football affair where the community, football fans, and players can enjoy and at the same time contribute to the relief efforts," Salas said.

NMIFA is encouraging local football clubs and their players to participate in this worthy cause.

PACIFIC

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tee, which will also be used in the first day of the tournament.

At the end of the competition, the gross scores in the two-day tournament will be combined to determine the Top 3 placers. The champion will take home \$300, runner-up will get \$200, and the third place finisher will pocket \$100.

Jess Wabol, one of the orga-

nizers of the tournament, said they are hoping to raise \$3,000 to \$5,000 in the two-day contest.

"Excess funds from our target will be donated to a charity, so we encourage golfers from all associations and the business community to support the tournament and help us make it to New Caledonia for the Pacific Games," Wabol said.

The Pacific Games will run from Aug. 27 to Sept. 10 and Wabol and teammates Jeff Taylor, Tony Satur, and Adam Hardwicke

will play at the Golf de Tina in Noumea on Sept. 8 and 9.

Meanwhile, tournament fee for the fundraiser is only \$85. Check-in time is at 11am, while the shotgun start is at 12pm.

There will be closest to the pin contest on hole Nos. 3, 7, 12, and 14. Cash prizes will be awarded on Nos. 3, 14, and 12, while a special prize is at stake on hole No. 7.

For more information about the fundraiser, contact Taylor at 483-2513, Satur at 483-8833,

Hardwicke at 287-2326, and Wabol at 288-1129.

RGA April qualifier Sunday

In related golf news, Refaluwasch Golf Association will have its April Ace qualifying tournament at COP this Sunday.

Check-in time is at 11am, while tee time is at 12pm.

For more information about RGA tournaments, contact Tars Olopai at 483-5508, Tony Rogolifoi at 288-3515, and Wabol at 288-1129.

to sign up now and start focusing their training for the competition.

Art of War 6 includes open classes for all levels in men's and women's divisions as well as novice and expert men and women's classes.

Weight categories include bantamweight (115-135 lbs), featherweight (136-145 lbs), lightweight (146-155 lbs), welterweight (156-170 lbs), middleweight (171-185 lbs), light heavyweight (186-205 lbs), and heavyweight (206 lbs and up).

Last year's gold medalists include bantamweight Shane Aguon of Guam; Trench Tech featherweight "Badd" Brad

Palacios: Trench Tech superlightweight Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez; Trench Tech lightweight Fasi "Quick Draw" Jesse; welterweight Ricki Rout of Abu Dhabi, Saipan middleweight Jose Mafnas; and heavyweight Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial of Marianas Elite.

Art of War 6 is sponsored by Docomo Pacific, Budget Rent-A-Car, Century Hotel, Hagu Next, Fokai International, Konflikt MMA, Miller-Lite, Monster and Pepsi.

Interested participants are urged to call 483-4MMA (4662) to sign up or visit www. trenchtech.tv to sign up online.

NMASA meeting tonight



The Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association will have its monthly gen-

eral membership meeting tonight at 7pm at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

NMASA is also expected to discuss at the meeting the CN-MI's preparation for the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia and other developments about the sports federations where the Commonwealth is affiliated.(PR)

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	54	23	.701	-
x-Philadelphia	40	38	.513	14 1/2
x-New York	39	38	.506	15
New Jersey	24	53	.312	30
Toronto	21	56	.273	33

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y-Miami	54	23	.701	-
x-Orlando	49	29	.628	5 1/2
x-Atlanta	44	34	.564	10 1/2
Charlotte	32	45	.416	22
Washington	21	56	.273	33

Central Division

y-Chicago	57	20	.740	_
Indiana	35	43	.449	22 1/2
Milwaukee	31	46	.403	26
Detroit	26	51	.338	31
Cleveland	16	61	.208	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division

y-San Antonio	59	19	.756	_
x-Dallas	53	24	.688	5 1/2
New Orleans	44	33	.571	14 1/2
Memphis	44	34	.564	15
Houston	41	37	.526	18

Northwest Division

x-Oklahoma (City 51	26	.662	-
x-Denver	47	30	.610	4
x-Portland	45	33	.577	6 1/2
Utah	37	41	.474	14 1/2
Minnesota	17	61	.218	34 1/2

Pacific Division v-L.A. Lakers 55 22 .714 -

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Phoenix	37	40	.481	18
Golden State	34	44	.436	21 1/2
L.A. Clippers	31	47	.397	24 1/2
Sacramento	23	54	.299	32

x-clinched playoff spot y-clinched division

Yesterday's Games

San Antonio 97, Atlanta 90 Cleveland 99 Charlotte 89 New Jersey 107, Minnesota 105 Orlando 78, Milwaukee 72 Washington 107, Detroit 105 Boston 99, Philadelphia 82 New York 131, Toronto 118 Chicago 97. Phoenix 94 L.A. Clippers 82, Memphis 81 Sacramento 104, Houston 101 Oklahoma City 101, Denver 94 Golden State 108, Portland 87 Utah 86, L.A. Lakers 85

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	4	0 1.000	_	
Toronto	3	1	.750	1
New York	3	2	.600	1 1/2
Boston	0	4	.000	4
Tampa Ray	Λ	1	nnn	1

Central Division

East Division

Kansas City	4	1	.800	_
Chicago	2	2	.500	1 1/2
Cleveland	2	2	.500	1 1/2
Minnesota	2	3	.400	2
Detroit	1	3	.250	2 1/2

West Division

5	0 1.000	-	
2	3	.400	3
2	3	.400	3
1	3	.250	3 1/2
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division New York .750 Philadelphia .750 Atlanta 2 .600 1/2 2 Florida .500

Central Division

Washington

Cincinnati	4	0 1.000	_	
Chicago	3	2	.600	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	3	2	.600	1 1/2
St. Louis	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Milwaukee	1	4	.200	3 1/2
Houston	Λ	1	000	1

West Division

San Diego	3	1	.750	_
Colorado	2	1	.667	1/2
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	1/2
Arizona	1	3	.250	2
San Francisco	1	4	.200	2 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Chicago Cubs 6, Arizona 5 San Diego 3, San Francisco 1 N.Y. Mets 7, Philadelphia 1 Cincinnati 8 Houston 2 Florida 3, Washington 2, 10 innings Milwaukee 1, Atlanta 0 St. Louis 3. Pittsburgh 2 Colorado 3, L.A. Dodgers 0 L.A. Angels 5, Tampa Bay 3 Cleveland 3. Boston 1 Minnesota 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 10 innings Toronto 7, Oakland 6, 10 innings Texas 3. Seattle 2 Kansas City 7, Chicago White Sox 6, 12 innings

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tsunami Saipan hosts fundraiser meet

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan will be

holding the All Island Invitational Swim Meet 3 On April 15 and 16 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool with all proceeds from the competition to be donated to the American Red Cross Japan Relief Fund.

The donation will come from the entrance fee to be collected in the two-day tournament. Each swimmer participating in the meet must pay a \$2 registration fee.

"In out past swim meets, we didn't charge any entrance fee. However, this time Tsunami Saipan board decided the meet could be use as a fundraising event. Also, we decided we will not be having awards ceremony and the funds for medals purchase will instead be donated to Japan," Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura said.



A Tsunami Saipan swimmer breathes during the 100m freestyle race of a local meet in February at the Kan

and run until 6pm. Warm-up is set for 3pm. The last day of the competition is divided into two ses-The first day of the tournament will start at 4pm sions. The morning session will run from 9am to

11am with a warm-up time at 8am. Then after the break, swimmers will return to the pool for the afternoon session from 4pm to 6pm.

Meanwhile, Tsunami Saipan recognized two swimmers with perfect attendance for March.

Brothers Kaito and Ryuto Yanai completed all the training sessions last month and received gift certificates from Sweets N Treats for their feats.

Tsunami Saipan swimmers will continue to train this month and in the next two in preparation for four tournaments.

After the meet this month, Tsunami Saipan tankers will compete in a 20-meter short course swim festival on May 21 at the Marpi Pool.

Then on May 27 and 28, selected Tsunami Saipan swimmers will be in Guam to participate in the 2011 Guam Championships.

Only Tsunami swimmers who post BB times in their respective age group will earn tickets to the Guam trip. The club will be holding weekly time trials to select its representatives to the Guam tournament. The meet on April 15 and 16 will also serve as qualifiers for the May competition.

Tsunami Saipan's last competition for the 2010-2011 season will be the Marianas Visitors Authority-organized Flipper race on June 18.

Two weeks before the Flipper event, Tsunami Saipan will have its season-ending recognition day on June 4 with the venue will be announced later.

Natibu wins 9th straight; Salty's, V-Power victorious

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Natibu improved its undefeated streak to nine with a 7-4 win over Calikano Groupers as the men's division of the 2nd Annual Budweiser Slow-Pitch Softball

League continued last Wednesday at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Other results of the Chamolinian Softball Association-organized league saw V-Power throttle Laolao Bay, 16-3, and Salty's brush off Braddahs, 19-6.

It was Salty's sixth win in eight games, behind Natibu and Phat Boyz (7-0) with V-Power (5-2) close on their heels.

The Calikano Groupers fell to 3-6, while Laolao Bay (1-6) and Braddah's (1-7) are still in search of their second win.

Natibu 7, Calikano Groupers 3

Natibu struck first with a two-run homerun by Jerry Guerrero in the top of the second inning.

Natibu then added five runs in the top of the fifth frame off a two-RBI single by Guerrero, followed an out later by a two-run blast by Jun Saralu; the last run came home off a sacrifice fly by Jonathan Welson.

Calikano Groupers scored a run off an RBI single by Chris Pangelinan in the bottom frame and added two more runs in the bottom of the sixth off errors, but Natibu kept Calikano at bay in the seventh for the win.

V-Power 16, Laolao Bay 3

V-Power took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning off an RBI single by Fred Sato, an error, and an RBI base hit by E.J. Tenorio.

The team then went ahead, 7-0, in the bottom of the third off a two-RBI triple by J.P. Sablan and a pair of RBI base knocks by Ben Mesa and Sato.

Laolao Bay managed a run off a fielder's choice in the top of the fourth and two more in the fifth off a sacrifice fly by Paul Santos and an RBI single by Dodet Feliciano. However, V-Power piled on nine runs in the bottom frame to secure the run-

Sablan, Ivan Igitol, Sato, and John Acosta belted RBI singles, Mel Sakisat busted a three-RBI double, and the other runs came in off a fielder's choice and an error.

V-Powers' Mesa batted 3-for-3 with an RBI and three runs and Sato swung 3-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs. Sablan batted 2-for-3 with three RBIs and two runs, while Sakisat hit two doubles in three at bats with a run.

Salty's 19, Braddahs 6

(49-56)

Salty's took an early 7-0 lead at the start of the opening frame. Salty quickly loaded the bases that

> out D'Pirates' Duruzi (33-72), 8-7,

at home; Mixed

Blood II brushing off Buddies' Black

Pearls II (44-61),

11-4, at home;

and Salbahe Bros

making light work

of Oleai's Matuas

(53-52) in a home

In the C-Chi-

chirika Division,

Team Sang edged

out sister team

Lucky Shots, 8-7,

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set up a two-RBI base rip by Eric Cabrera.

Rick Rafael and Dennis Atalig then each smashed RBI singles before J.D. Dikito stepped in and hammered a two-run shot over the fence.

Braddahs mustered four runs in the bottom frame off RBI singles by John Iguel, Arnold Sarapio, and Jose Iguel along with a sacrifice fly by Austin Iguel.

Salty's then jumped ahead, 14-4, in the top of the second off a two-RBI smash by Mel Aldan, a three-run bomb by Cabrera, an RBI double by Ken Tanzawa, and an RBI base knock by Jasmer Koshiro.

After a scoreless third inning, Salty's added three more runs in the fourth off a two-RBI single by Frank Reyes and a sacrifice fly by Tanzawa.

Braddahs then managed two runs in the bottom frame, but Salty's got them back in the top of the fifth and kept the potential run-rule victory intact; Salty went on to close the last three outs.

Salty's Cabrera batted 3-for-3 with five RBIs and two other runs.

Sister teams lead divisions

By WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND REPORTER



D'Pirates Bar & Grill stablemates Mixed Blood Shooters and Team Sang, along with Jonny's Bar & Grill's sister teams Ali'i Kamote's and Dosukebe Boys currently lead their respective divisions in the Saipan Electronic Dart Association.

A-Division, C-Chichirika, Tuesday B-League and C-Kingfisher divisions after conclusion of last week's matchups.

Mixed Blood Shooters romped D'Pirates' Balite Boys (49-53), 14-3, on the road last Monday to remain atop the A Division with win-loss card of 71-31.

Mixed Blood's Jeff "Dart Vader" Barit scored a 124 High-In in the matchup, but was dethroned from the top of the individual statistics by teammate Angelo Hernaez. Hernaez is throwing 22.27 points per dart and 3.76 marks per round for a 63.61 weighted average in 12 games; 57 players make up the division.

D'Pirates' Kanto Boyz (60-42) is in second place with Buddies' Bar & Grill's Cool-Its and the Naked Fish Bar & Grill Boys tied for third with identical 52 50 records

Other A Divison results include the Naked Fish Boyz defeating Oleai Beach Bar & Grill's Celebrity (60-59), 11-6, at home at Naked Fish Bar & Grill; Cool-Its shooting down Oleai's Proofers (30-72), 12-5, on the road; and Buddies' Locals Too (51-51) taking out the Primos (51-68) of Charlies' Sports Bar, 10-7, in a home match.

Ali'i Kamotes, meanwhile, defeated sister team Samurai, 12-3, last Tuesday to improve its league-leading 85-20 record in Tuesday B. Kamotes' Peejay Naval scored a 160 High-In in the match.

Notably, four Kamotes players are currently ranked in the Top 10 in the individual statistics out of a 50-player field. Kaysie Aguino is ranked second to Josh Wodson of D'Pirates' Mixed Blood Shooters II, while teammates Eric Pascual, Naval, and Jerome F. Sembrano are ranked third, sixth, and eighth, respectively.

Buddies' Salbahe Brothers (66-39) and Mixed Blood II (56-49) are currently ranked second and third in the eight-team division.

Other Tuesday results had Oleai Bar & Grill's GCC Carpeters



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO The Naked Fish Boys, seen here in a file photo. are now tied for third place with Buddies' Bar & Grill's Cool-Its in the SEDA A Division standings after they put down Oleai Beach Bar & Grill's Celebrit, 11-6, at home in Naked Fish Bar & Grill last Monday.

standings with a 68-37 card. Lucky Shot's Matrina Lisua scored a 109 High-Out in the match.

Notably, Team Sang's Ray Indalecio leads a field of 40 players in the individual statistics, throwing 19.40 points in eight games with 2.82 marks per round in 10 games. He has a weighted average of 50.42. His teammate Jun Manaloto is also ranked fourth.

Buddies' Chagi Fan (61-44) and Lucky Shots (56-49) are currently positioned in second and third among the six-team field.

Other Chichirika results include Gaia Bar's Gaiana-C (36-69) upsetting Chagi Fan, 8-7, at home, and VFW Post 3457's One Shot (55-50) dominating Buddies' Black Pearls (39-66), 13-2, in a road match.

Dosukebe Boys knocked off sister team Night Hawks, 9-6, in a home game last Wednesday to remain in first place in the C Kingfisher Division with a 74-31 record. Sand's Café and Bar's IT&E Annies Imuza (62-43) and the Night Hawks (49-56) are in second and third among the six-team field.

Other King Fisher results include IT&E taking Naked Fish's Oh! MG (37-68) to school, 13-2, on the road and USSP Peleliu Club's Slow Hand (38-67) upsetting Gaia World V (48-57), 10-5, at home.

Hocog tops CWGA March tourney

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Matilde Hocog posted a 70 net score in last month's CNMI Women's Golf Association Monthly Tournament to top an 18-player field. The event was held back on March 12.

Hocog grossed a 46 at the turn and came in with a 44, but her 20-handicap gave her a first place 70 net score and 15 points added to her points total.

The Top 10 finishers all received points in descending order from 15 to six, while the other players all received a point for participation.

Hocog snuck past Yi Su Jeong, who grossed an 85 that worked out to a 71 net score. Third place finisher Lorraine Babauta grossed an 83 and ended up with a 74 net tally for third place.

Other place finishers include Sherlyn Jones (75 net), Dolores

Yamagishi (75), Shiori Onoue (76), Yuko Togawa (76), Bobbie Guerrero (76), Terry Guerrero (76), and Grace Wang (79). Meanwhile, CWGA's finale 3rd Annual Two-Day Tournament

takes place this Saturday and Sunday at Laolao Bay Golf Resort's Showtime on the first day will be 11:30am with a 12:30pm tee

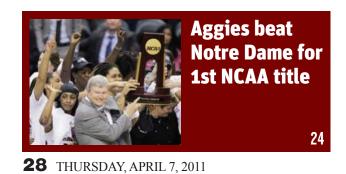
off, while the second day's showtime is set for 12:30pm with a 1:30pm tee off. Entrance fee for the entire two-day event is \$25 and green fees

are the responsibility of each member.

After the event, there will be an awards banquet starting at 6pm at the resort's poolside. Tickets cost \$25 apiece and loads of prizes will be up for grabs including Top 3 total gross and net score place finishers, the Top 10 overall point system winners, and more.

Players are required to play in at least six CWGA events to qualify for the top prizes. In addition, trophies will be awarded to the Top 3 finishers of each category.

Contact CWGA president Lorraine Babauta 287-0621, Grace Seo Ran at 287-1121, Terry Tudela at 285-8374, or Bennet Seman at 483-0126 for more information.



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Winless Red Sox lose 4th straight, 3-1 to Indians

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RJ qualifies for two world championships

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he CNMI's R.J. Macaranas is assured of a slot in two world championship events in July.

In an email to Saipan Tribune, Macaranas said his application to the 2011 Callaway Junior World Golf Championship was accepted

last week and he also qualified for the 2011 Future Champions World Championship.

"The pressure is gone to get into the Junior World. I owe gratitude to Edward Manibusan, Jeff Taylor, CNMI Junior Golf, Marian Aldan-Pierce, Cinta

Kaipat, Jordon Kosam, NMASA, Michael White, RGA, Antonio Rogolifoi, Ted Malaran, Fil-Taga, and Tony Satur," the 12-year-

old golfer said.

The junior golfer thanked these officials and organizations as their endorsement made it possible for him to qualify for the Junior World.

"R.J.'s application includes a See RJ on Page 26



R.J., left, and Richard Macaranas pose for a photo during a world championship tournament last year.

Women nationals take on Japanese college soccer team in fundraiser

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CNMI National

Team will challenge Keio University Women's Soccer Club in a charity game this Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

The match is set for 4pm and will culminate Sunday's football festivities that aim to raise funds for victims of the earthquake and subsequent tsunami that hit Japan.

"Prior to the calamities that struck Japan, we had invited Keio University Women's Soccer Club to compete against our Women's National Team.

They accepted the invitation, but the match was put on hold when the quake hit Japan, and it was only just last Thursday that we received confirmation they are coming," Northern Mariana Islands Football Association general secretary Ed Salas said.

"We will use this event to fundraise for the victims of the calamities and all monies collected will be given to the Japan Football Association. We are asking our members to participate in the challenge activities with a nominal fee. We also plan to have a booth set up where cash donations can be dropped in a box," Sa-

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Players of Keio University Women's Soccer Club pose for a group photo. They will challenge the CNMI Women's National Team in a charity match this Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Pacific Games golf fundraiser in May at COP

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

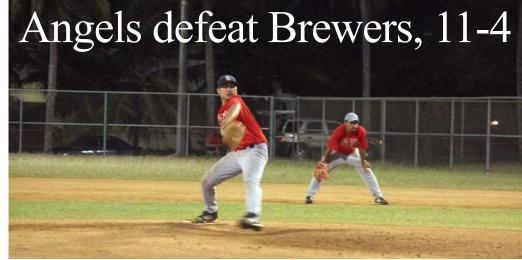


Coral Ocean Point will be hosting a twoday tournament in May with proceeds of the competition going to the CNMI Golf Team that will

participate in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia.

Dubbed as 2011 COP Blue Tee Tournament, the fundraiser will be held on May 14 and 15 at the Agingan Point course. The first day of the tournament will be a double-peoria affair with the Top 5 placers getting prizes. The first place finisher will take home \$400, second place \$300. and third place \$100. Gift certificates will also be given to the Top 3 finishers, while the fourth and fifth placers will get in kind prizes.

Then golfers who post the Top 12 best gross scores in Day 1 will advance to the second day of the tournament, which will be played on the blue tee. Female qualifier will play on the white See PACIFIC on Page 26



Pitcher Franco Flores, seen here in a file photo, allowed zero earned runs in five innings off five hits and three walks with a strikeout in the Angels' 11-4 win against the Brewers in Tuesday night's SML game at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

By WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND REPORTER



The St. Michael's Angels recorded their second win in a row over the Tan Holdings Brewers, 11-4, with a backbreaking seven runs in the fifth inning just as the rain

began to come down in their Saipan's Major League matchup Tuesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The win marked the Angels' fourth in five games and placed them in first place and a game ahead of the D-9ers (3-1) in the standings. The Brewers fell to a win-loss record of 2-4.

The Brewers got on the scoreboard first with a run

in the opening frame. Ton Celis led off with a hit and was drove home two outs and an error later by Mike Pangelinan. Angels started the game 1-2-3.

Brewers left a man at second in the top of the second, but Brewers pitcher Vince Cepeda struck out the side after a leadoff walk in the bottom frame.

Brewers then loaded the bases in the top of the third, but came up empty; Angels went 1-2-3 again to end the frame.

The Brewers then added a run off errors in the top of the fourth, but the Angels knotted the score in the bottom frame.

Nokki Saralu reached on a one-out grounder and as Cepeda walked the bases load, Saralu went to second off a balk and stole third before coming home off an error.

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